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January 21, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James Murphy
FROM: Mr. Frederic R. Dolbeare

In response to your telephone message of yesterday, I am sending down herewith the original photostats received from Mr. Karan, whose last address, as recorded in our files, is Room 318, 612 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, of letters written by Reverend F. Bakorich.

I attach likewise three photostats which we have now made of the originals as well as of the translations attached thereto and a single copy of the agent's letter of May 11, 1942. This is the material which I understand Mr. Poole mentioned to the Department of Justice.

You will note his statement that the letters were obtained on the understanding that the identity of the informant would not be disclosed until other information had been obtained from him.

F.R.D.



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Mr. Frederick Dolbeare

DATE: December 29, 1942

D. C. Poole

SUBJECT:

According to a carbon copy in the files of this Branch, there is in the SI files in New York a memorandum dated May 11, 1942 at Chicago by SK relating to the Reverend F. Bakorich, 610 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, a Croatian friar considered to be rabidly pro-nazi.

The carbon which I now have in front of me indicates that your files would contain five photostats of "a few of the many letters he (Bakorich) has written showing his adherence to nazi principles."

The Special War Policies Unit in the Attorney General's office, whose staff have been most friendly to us and helpful generally to the operations of OSS, would very much like to have any available material on the Reverend Bakorich since they are preparing an important case against an organization of which he is supposed to be a member.

In these circumstances I am writing to inquire whether you would be willing to place at their disposal -- of course with full protection regarding the source from which they came -- the photostats mentioned?

If you see your way clear to doing this, it would perhaps facilitate matters if the photostats were forwarded through this office.

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June 5, 1942

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Memorandum for files re STANLEY KARAN

Effective at the close of business,
Saturday, June 6, 1942, Karan leaves our ser-
vice and becomes attached to John Russell's
group. We have no financial responsibility
for him after this date.

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Hugh R. Wilson
TO: Mr. Allen W. Dulles
SUBJECT: S.A. File #7592

DATE: May 30, 1942.

May 30, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Hugh R. Wilson

FROM: Allen W. Dulles
I enclose a further report
from S.K., dated May 30, 1942, with SK undoubtedly
regard to the American Slav Congress.

A.W.D.

C.C. - Mr. Poole
Mr. Halpern

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Hugh R. Wilson

DATE MAY 29 1942

TO: Mr. Allen W. Dulles

SUBJECT: S.A. File #7592

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I submitted your memorandum of May 23, regarding SK to Amoss for criticism. He writes back on the margin: "I will make a later report on Yugoslav affairs. SK undoubtedly has become too closely identified with one side."

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May 28, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON
FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

I enclose a further memorandum from S.K., dated May 19, 1942 with respect to Rev. Spiro Anirisanich and certain Croatian developments.

A copy has been sent to Mr. Poole.
A.W.D.

"Following our talk this morning in Mr. Dulles's office, I told Mr. Poole that we had his message further in the work upon which he had been working. I told him that our attitude toward him was friendly, and we would be in touch with him in one way or another if possible. I did not have time to have a further talk with Mr. Poole."

C.C. Mr. Poole

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May 26, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

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I enclose herewith a memorandum dated May 24, 1942, from S.K. regarding his recent activities. In view of the controversy which now centers about S.K., we propose to terminate his services and I quote herewith from a memorandum from Mr. Poole, summarizing his talk with you:

"Following our talk this morning in Mr. Dulles' office, I told Stanley Karen that we could not use his services further in the work upon which he had been recently engaged. However, our attitude toward him was friendly, and we wished to keep him in touch with us in one way or another if possible. I had arranged for him to have a further talk with Mr. Russell."

A.W.D.

C.C. Mr. Poole

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May 26, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

I appreciate the word you passed on

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to us with regard to Stanley Karan. While he has
I attach herewith a memorandum dated May 21,
proved of value to us as a gatherer of news, I
1942 from S.K. relating to atrocities committed by Axis
believe that he has allowed himself to become so
armed forces on Yugoslav population.

involved in the internecine struggles in the
Yugoslav community here, that his usefulness as a
news gatherer is at an end and we propose to

terminate our connection with him. In any event,
C.C. Mr. Poole
he is anxious to get into the Armed Forces and
we are helping him in this connection.

I am still inclined to have confidence
in Karan's good intentions and sincerity, if not in
his discretion, and I believe that certain enemies
whom he has made have been doing their best to
undermine him.

A.W.D.

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May 26, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. THURSTON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

I appreciate the word you passed on to us with regard to Stanley Karan. While he has proved of value to us as a gatherer of news, I believe that he has allowed himself to become so involved in the internecine struggles in the Yugoslav community here, that his usefulness as a news gatherer is at an end and we propose to terminate our connection with him. In any event, he is anxious to get into the Armed Forces and we are helping him in this connection.

I am still inclined to have confidence in Karan's good intentions and sincerity, if not in his discretion, and I believe that certain enemies whom he has made have been doing their best to undermine him.

His service would terminate definitely June 30.

I read to Mr. Karan your statement regarding the expense money, which is returned herewith, and he acknowledged its accuracy.

A.W.D.

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
INTEROFFICE MEMO

SK

FROM: DeWitt C. Poole
To: Mr. Spencer Phenix
SUBJECT: Stanley Karan

DATE May 25, 1942

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Following our talk this morning in Mr. Dulles' office, I told Stanley Karan that we could not use his services further in the work upon which he had been recently engaged. However, our attitude toward him was friendly, and we wished to keep him in touch with us in one way or another if possible. I had arranged for him to have a further talk with Mr. Russell.

In the meantime, Mr. Karan could count on a continuation of his present salary of \$200 per month until June 30, 1942. If before that date a new arrangement were made with Mr. Russell or any other officer of the COI, the new arrangement would of course supersede the existing arrangement. If no such new arrangement arose, then Mr. Karan's services would terminate definitely June 30.

I read to Mr. Karan your statement regarding the expense money, which is returned herewith, and he acknowledged its accuracy.

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May 25, 1942

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To AWD

From SP

Re Stanley Karan

According to my records, Karan's association with us commenced April 1, 1942, since which time he has received a total of \$400. for expenses and has submitted weekly expense accounts aggregating \$377.30, leaving a balance due us of \$22.70 as of May 19, the date of his last expense account.

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COPY - Mr. DeWitt Poole

May 23, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Hugh R. Wilson

FROM: Allen W. Dulles

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612 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE. Room 518,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

I enclose, for your information, a further memorandum, dated May 20, 1942, which I have received from S.K. with regard to Branko Pekich, secretary of the Serbian National Federation. I am sending directly a copy to Mr. Poole's office.

I might add that we are having a certain amount of difficulty with S.K. as I am afraid he is becoming too involved in Yugoslav politics to be of much value in the future as a confidential gatherer of information. S.K. claims that the proponents of the Greater Serbia idea are ~~knifing~~ him, which may well be true. However, we have had complaints about his activities from F.B.I., and I am rather inclined to think that we should discontinue his services. As he might be useful to Colonel Goodfellow's office, I have introduced him to Russell, here. In this connection, I am keeping DeWitt Poole fully advised, as in any event S.K.'s reports are more directly of value to his office than to ours, as S.K. is not in a very good position to get information relating to foreign fields.

A.W.D.

SK

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May 21, 1942.

(MAY 22, 1942)

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S. TODD, ESQ., D.
612 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE. Room 318,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Re: Karan
— WOULD LIKE SEE YOU IN NEW YORK AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. PLEASE WIRE WHEN TO EXPECT YOU. Pittsburgh Karan

held himself out as a F.B.I. A.W.DULLES stated that
Thurston was his boss. The evidence is conclusive that
he has impersonated an agent of the Bureau.

Thurston states he has taken no action in the
matter but requests we take what administrative action
is proper.

Thurston also reports that subject is reporting
to other divisions of the government than C.O.I.

STodd
Room 318
612 North Michigan Ave
Chicago

May 21, 1942.

2407

To: A.W.D.

From: G.K.B.

Re: Karan

Thurston reports that while in Pittsburgh Karan held himself out as a F.B.I. agent. He stated that Thurston was his boss. The evidence is conclusive that he has impersonated an agent of the Bureau.

Thurston states he has taken no action in the matter but requests we take what administrative action is proper.

Thurston also reports that subject is reporting to other divisions of the government than C.O.I.

STodd

Room 318

612 North Michigan Ave
Chicago

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May 20, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

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Attached is a further memorandum from S.K. dated May 19, 1942, with regard to Dr. Pius Grigaitis.

C.C. Mr. Poole

20th May, 1942.

A. W. D.

from

A. J. H.

With reference to S.K. note on P. GRIGAITIS
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of May 19th which you kindly let me have, I want to confirm
the conclusions arrived at therein.

My information, which comes from two independent
sources, is definitely that Grigaitis is one of the few
Lithuanians who really can be relied on.

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May 16, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH W. WILSON

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FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES May 19, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH W. WILSON dated May 18, 1942 2404

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES
Hungarian overtures.
From S.K. to Mr. Dulles.
copy has been delivered to Mr. Poole.

I enclose further reports dated May 14th and May 17th
from S.K. regarding Yugoslav affairs generally and regarding
the American Croatian Rally for Ban I. Subasic.

A.W.D.

C.C. Mr. Poole

May 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

May 16, 1942

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FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

Attached is a further memorandum dated May 15, 1942
from S.K. re Yugoslav reaction to Hungarian overtures. A
copy has been delivered to Mr. Poole.

Copies have been A.W.D. Mr. Poole.

A.W.D.

C.C. Mr. Poole

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May 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

Attached is another S.K. Report, dated May
9, 1942.

Copies have been sent to Mr. Poole.

A.W.D.

C.C. Mr. Poole

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May 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN W. DULLES

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

Attached is a further memorandum dated May 12th from
S.K. with regard to American Croatian National Alliance
Rally. Attached is a further report from S.K. dated
May 11, 1942, re Croatian matters.

C.C. - Mr. Poole

May 11, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

Yugoslavia

Mr. Allen Dulles,
680 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

May 13, 1942

24007

Dear Mr. Dulles:-

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES
I am in receipt of my Occupational Questionnaire from Local Board No. 1. I am in quandary as to my occupational statement. Shall I state that I am employed by your Office, or would it be safe to say that I am "self employed".

Attached is a further report from S.K. dated would be grateful if you can advise me on this matter within this period.

May 11, 1942, re Croatian matters.
While I am circulating in Chicago, I will also cover the affairs in Milwaukee, Wis. where, as I am informed, there is some interesting activities among the Slavs. I intend also to cover Ben Sussan's rally in Gary on May 17th. While I was in Gary, I established a contact with a president of a Macedonian Progressive Organization, which claims to be anti-Axis. In reality I observed that they are solidly pro-Russian, which would be anti-Axis anyway if nothing else. As the Macedonians are always very active in one form or another, I intend to get acquainted with them more closely as this is the first time I managed to penetrate their veneer directly.

Gen. Pera Živković visited Chicago with another man in a car and both returned to N.Y. from here and did not proceed farther West as first reported. Gen. Živković reportedly is not indulging in any political activity up to present. He is a valuable man around, as he was one of the best authorities on strategy in the Balkans. Gen. Draza Mihajlović was a disciple and a protégé of his.

I am forwarding reports on Chicago activities in due course. Incidentally, please forward me some more expense money as I even had to deposit the price of the rented typewriter, for being in transit.

Sincerely yours,

A. T. Mason
Rm. 318, 618 So. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

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May 11, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

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Mr. Allen Dulles,
630 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Dulles:-

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I am in receipt of my Occupational Questionnaire from Local Board, No. 231, Kings County. I am in quandary as to my occupational statement. Shall I state that I am employed by your Office, or would it be safe to say that I am "self employed".

This O. Q. must be returned by May 17th. I would be grateful if you can advise me on this matter within this period.

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I am forwarding reports on Chicago activities in due course. Incidentally, please forward me some more expence money as I even had to deposit the price of the rented typewriter, for being in transit.

Sincerely yours,
S.T. Karan
Rm. 318, 612 No. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

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Yugoslavia

May 7, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

May 9, 1942

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES from S.K. dated May 6, 1942, on Yugoslav Activities, which should have been considered
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I attach a memorandum dated May 6- 7 from S.K. with regard to a Yugoslav Fally.

Our friend S.K. is quite prolific but I do not know whether you are still interested in his reports or whether I should merely pass them on to de Witt Poole unless there is something of foreign political significance.

Copy to Mr. Poole

May 7, 1942

May 7, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH R. WILSON

FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

Attached is a memorandum from S.K. dated May 1, 1942, on Yugoslav Activities, which should have been forwarded to you earlier. *See of the statements in this memorandum.*

C.C. Mr. Poole

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May 7, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR - MR. HUGH R. WILSON
MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FOXWORTH W. DULLES
FROM: MR. ALLEN DULLES

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Attached is a memorandum dated May 5, 1942 from
S.K. with attached is a memorandum from a reasonably reliable
source regarding certain co-relational matters. No independent
check has been made of the statements in this memorandum.

C.C. to Mr. Peole

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May 7, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR - MR. HUGH R. WILSON
FROM - MR. ALLEN W. DULLES

Attached is a memorandum dated May 5, 1942 from
S.K. with regard to certain developments among the exponents
of Dr. Pavelich.

Copies of this are going to Mr. Poole in the F.B.I.

C.C. to Mr. Poole

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FROM: Ulius L. Amoss

April 24, 1942

TO: Mr. Hugh R. Wilson

Subject: Captain Papich

Thank you for referring Mr. Dulles' S.K.
report on the experience of the above subject.

As you will recognize, the Slovakian-Slovenian
question is a burning one. The bare facts reveal
that Serb officers trust not one Slovak and very few
Slovenians. They claim that if Serbia had remained
a nation of six million Serbs ("To say Serb is to say
Fighter,") instead of a conglomerate federation of
sixteen million with so many Slovaks, Serbia still
would be fighting.

/s/ U.L.A.

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April 16, 1942

To: Hugh R. Wilson
To: Hugh R. Wilson
From: Allen W. Dulles

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I attach a memorandum from S. K. regarding his
memorandum I enclose copies of additional memoranda, and
a letter which I have received from S. K. This party
called to see me yesterday afternoon, and I made it ab-
solutely clear to him that his function was solely re-
porting information and not intervening on any basis in
the local disputes among the Serbs, Croats, etc. In
this connection I have also received and enclose a let-
ter from A. J. H., who is well known to DeWitt Poole,
discussing the Yugoslav situation and expressing the
view that while S. K.'s method of procedure was "un-
conventional", his objectives were laudable. While
A. J. H. may well be right, certainly we must keep out
of any connection with intervening in racial disputes
over here, as this is not within our terms of reference.
I suggest you pass on a copy of all these papers to DeWitt
Poole, who is thoroughly familiar with this matter.

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April 14, 1942

April 14, 1942

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To: Hugh R. Wilson
 From: Allen W. Dulles
 From: Mr. Allen W. Dulles

I attach a memorandum from S. K. regarding his maneuvers in Pittsburgh. DeWitt Poole telephoned me today about the matter. Apparently S. K. has somewhat run amok, as appears from this memorandum, and from what DeWitt Poole told me over the telephone, and I understand that DeWitt has told him to return to New York immediately. Naturally, S. K. had no authority to do anything whatsoever on behalf of anybody and this will be made plain to him upon his return. Meanwhile, kindly pass a copy of this report on to DeWitt Poole as promptly as possible. I will report further developments.

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April 14, 1942

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To: Mr. A. J. Halpern
From: Mr. Allen W. Dulles

I attach a copy of a memorandum dated April 13, 1942 from S. K., which is self-explanatory. S. K. seems to have mistaken his role and will need to be cautioned upon his return to New York. He has been asked to come back here immediately. I should be interested to have your views. I believe you have seen the earlier memoranda.

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April 1, 1942

To: George K. Bowden

April 3, 1942.

From: Allen E. Dulles

To: Thurston

From: Bowden

SUBJECT: STANLEY KARAN

This subject is a citizen, of Yugoslav origin, doing some work for us among Croatians. His activities will take him to the Yugoslav Congress to be held shortly in Pittsburgh, and then to Cleveland and Chicago.

Because of his associations some question may be raised as to him. We have advised him that if he is questioned by the F.B.I. he shall refer to you as a reference. Should he do so, we would appreciate your contacting us.

If we find any data in his reports to us pertaining to the activities of your service we will forward the same to you.

Attached are samples of reports of Karan.

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New York, N. Y.

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April 1, 1942

To: George K. Bowden
From: Allen W. Dulles

Reminder to advise Mr. Thurston that an American of Yugoslav origin, Stanley Karan, is obtaining some information for us on Yugoslav matters, and in this connection has a good many contacts with Croatians, etc. These activities have brought him into touch with some questionable characters among the Croatians and he may produce some information of value to Mr. Thurston. He will be attending the Yugoslav Congress which is to be held, I believe, in Pittsburgh shortly and may also visit other Slav centers (Cleveland, Chicago, etc.). I have advised him that if he should get into difficulty with FBI agents to ask them to communicate with Mr. Thurston.

WFO 26529

N. A. AGDEN

S.K.
Yugo.

May 30, 1942
New York, N. Y.

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RE: Amer. Slav Congress, e.t.c.

It is reported that upon convocation of the Slav Congress, the committee was hard put as to the classification of various Slav nationalities. For instance, they had to decide whether to call these nationals in their provincial order, or as citizen national groups. As per example: Serbs, Croats, Montenegrins, Czechs and Slovaks, or should these people be invited as Yugoslavs and Czechoslovaks instead.

It was a dilemma whichever way it was decided with adverse affect iether way. It is said, that Mr. Martinek prevailed upon the other committee members to summon the Slavs provincially and leave it up to them if they wanted to appear grouped or in their own units. This was decided as a sincere gesture of appeasement to those national units who were always touchy about their original descent geographically. The trouble is, that the "unity nationalists" who stress the State and national entity first, are getting burned up about it more and more every day. For instance, the Yugoslavs maintain, that the separatist elements are taking advantage of this individual recognition by the Slav Congress and are making and international question out of, what is supposed to be and remain an internal affair of Yugoslav realm. This phase and aspect also applies to the Czechoslovaks, U.S.S.R. and others.

The Unionists emphasize with some logic, that this separatism was gleefully abetted and fostered by that Hitler fellow for years and his ilk before him, and that it was largely a contributing factor to the loss of liberty to most of the Slav and other nations. Therefor, the unionists are in fear that Hitler's stooges will continue to assure these seperatists that the Slav Congress is the real thing to fight for their provincial independence and that everyone should support these "ideals" of said Congress, with the Atlantic Charter thrown in for good measure. Its really up to the Chess Players ## on this new propaganda front.

It is worth to note, that the American Slav magazine, published by Ante Doshen, in Pittsburgh, Pa., for years carries the cover caption of Slav nationalities in divisional units and not collectively. This is a subtle way on part of this Pavelich's agent to impress all these people " that they are big enough and deserving to remain isolated from their other brethren". (Doshen's trial was supposed to have taken place on May ## 25th).

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S.K.
Yugo.

May 24, 1942
New York, N. Y.

RE: S. T. Karan

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For a considerable length of time, S.K. has been in the act of gathering information on the activities of various Serbian and Croatian organizations and individuals, as per reports submitted.

For that purpose contacts were established for the reliable sources of information in the ranks of those to be investigated. In the beginning, the investigation was mostly concentrated on the dissident Croat groups and individuals whose activities were directed against other patriotic Yugoslav groups, its Allies and democratic principles of this country. Serbs and patriotic Croats, willingly supplied all information available on the activities of these dissident groups hoping thereby to be of aid in rendering the said dissidents, hors de combat, for the benefit of unity and preservation of integrity of Yugoslavs in the democratic nations' front. Soon after the entrance of U. S. into the conflict, the activities of these Croat dissident groups was curtailed or affectively curbed by legal means and only a few Croat Cath. friars or priests remained adamant and defiant adherents of Dr. Ante Pavelich and his nazi masters.

In the course of this investigation, S.K. naturally became acquainted with individual Croats and notably Serbs, who were more then anxious to supply any kind of information against these dissident Croats whom they held morally responsible for the assassination of king Alexander. In this vortex of political passion and factional strife of these participants, S.K. had to be alert and unprejudiced in reporting the gathered information on its merits only. By the same token, S.K. had to reciprocate in the trust of his interested informants by assuring them that their cooperation and good will in the common cause is appreciated and that action against those dissidents will be taken in due course by powers interested. In short, a trust of each other had to be established same as in any other business or enterprise of all concerned, which is the most vital factor in times of any national stress. In short, patriotism was the basis above all other considerations.

Late in October 1941, some of the Serb leaders informed S.K. that in view of alleged Croat atrocities against the Serbs in "Free Croatia", they, the Serbs, will open up a campaign against the Croats in general and will work from then on, for Serbian interests only regardless how the Croats will be affected, or what attitude the Yugoslav government or its allies will take. For this purpose the American public opinion would be cultivated, in as much the U.S. at the time was a neutral. As the campaign against the Croats went into full swing, S.K. simply kept gathering information on this new phase of the bitter factional Yugoslav strife and solely reported on the merits of the proceedings. S.K. disregarded the personal friendship and attachment between himself and some of those Serbs who helped him with information against the Croat dissidents of the past. This notably refers to Branko Pekich, sec. of the Serb Natl. Federation and Mladen Truhovich, former editor of the "Srbobran".

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However, these two men took it for granted that S.K. being of Serb descent, will apparently soft pedal their participation of their "Serbian Front" and keep concentrating on the Croats. By the same token, the patriotic Serbs and Croats who had confided in S.K. all that time, watched the reaction on S.K. in this new turn of affairs. When they realized that SK was impartial and went after the information on these Serbian dissidents same as on the Croatian, they felt that their trust in S.K. was fully justified and intensified their efforts to supply S.K. with inside information on this new separatist movement on one hand, and of open opposition to it on their part, on the other. Every patriotic Serb and Croat realized that this "Serbian Front" was many times more detrimental to the unity of Yugoslavia and their Allies, than all the Croatian separatist activities of the past.

The culmination of all this came to the fore between April 9th-11th, 1942, when Samuel Werlinich, pres. of the Serb Natl. Fed. asked S.K. to help him and other fair minded Serbs to stop officers of his organization from ruining the Federation and abetting disunity by the Serbian Natl. Def. Con. among its own people and thereby embarrassing the Allies of Yugoslavia. Mr. Werlinich also expressed anxiety lest the authorities take any action against his organization same as against the Croatian dissidents. S.K. then interviewed B. Pekich and Mr. Wurdelja of the Federation and explained the errors of their anti Croatian and anti Yugoslav campaign. Mr. Wurdelja forthwith agreed to stop further propaganda and forced the more hard headed Pekich into step. At all times, S.K. never used any coercion or threats, or said to Pekich that this was an edict coming from any U.S. department. S.K. specifically underlined that he was not employed by any F.B.I. Dept. Mr. Pekich then confidentially asked for any credentials S.K. may have to allow him to gather information. S.K. gave him the name of Mr. Thurston in N.Y. to check on S.K.'s credentials, and cautioned Pekich not to divulge this information to any one else, which he solemnly promised. After Trbuhovich and M. Duchich returned from Washington, Pekich again opened the columns of "Srbobran" to the Serb. Natl. Def. and its protagonists.

At the same time Pekich and Duchich's men spread a rumour "that S.K. was under arrest for impersonating a federal agent". This, as S.K. lately learned, was done after Pekich used Mr. Thurston's name and position, to inform the F.B.I. that S.K. identified himself as one of their men. This sharp practice technique was evidently intended to get S.K. into trouble with the authorities and force him out of his assignment and thereby eliminate him from the field, also discredit him with those who are under impression that they can buck the "Serbian Front". When Mr. Werlinich perceived this intent, he warned Mr. Pekich that he was betraying a confidence and indulging in ulterior motives with those that are enmeshed in personal revenge against S.K. who is only performing his duty impartially. Mr. Werlinich also informed S.K. of this conspiracy on part of Mr. Pekich and others of same design and asked that Pekich be officially cautioned to behave himself, as all this affects The Federation more than it those the person of Pekich.

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These people consider S.K. dangerous to be around particularly of his membership of the "Association of Guerillas" of Yugoslavia, who in years past have methodically curbed such dissident groups, here and abroad. S.K. has often used these credentials as an entry for information on these nationals' political activities who still have a healthy respect for said "Association".

In summation, it must be admitted that this Serb dissident group is having it all their own way, while the Croat dissident group was taken care of in short order. Not satisfied with their open defiance of authorities and public opinion, these individuals in addition, are in the act of eliminating any investigator who tries to gain information on their subversive activities by all foul means of 5th column methods they are practicing on other victims.

In this instance, it appears that they have managed to cast a doubt in the minds of S.K.'s superiors of his worth in general and thereby render his services impotent, which is their main objective.

If this group is allowed to pile up points, it will cause the democratic elements to lose faith in any "information seeker" in fear of reprisals from this pugnacious Duchich camp, without mentioning other adverse possibilities in the offing.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 21, 1942
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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RE: Memorandum of Atrocities Committed
by Axis Armed Forces on Yugoslav Population.

The original data for the said Memorandum was accumulated by the intelligence service of the "Association of Guerillas" and at odd times was sent to the Allied countries piece meal. Later a Yugoslav official made his way from Yugoslavia and reached London with most of the compiled data of Axis wholesale slaughter, notably of Serbs and to a sizable portion of the Croats, in "Free Croatia". Reportedly, the nazi military intelligence got wind of this memorandum and proceeded to offset it by manufacturing a Memorandum of their own for several obvious reasons.

The nazis prepared a Memorandum, reading that it was the Croatsians, who wantonly slaughtered over 300,000 Serbs "to even old scores against the Serbs". Five nazi minded Serbian bishops were then impressed into this buildup to give credence to this nazi manufactured Memorandum and make it appear that it was the bishops who had compiled this Memorandum. The two leading bishops in this deal are reportedly, Valerian and Ireni of Novi Sad. The bishops, as a body, then presented this Memorandum to the German garrison commander at Belgrade. This German commander then released this Memorandum abroad, as coming from bona fide Serbian source. This was intended to inform the Allies and the world, that the Germans had no hand in this slaughter of the Serb population, which was solely perpetrated by the Croats. This would also offset the fact that the nazis had slain thousands of resisting Croats alongside of more numerous Serbs.

This was also intended to prove to the world opinion, that the Croats and Serbs could not only live together, but that they do not even deserve to live freely apart. The ultra Serbs in this country, disregarding the original Memorandum of Axis slaughter of Serbs and Croats, siezed on the nazi manufactured Memorandum of Croat slaughter of the Serbs. Late in October, 1941, the nazi version Memorandum was received and accepted by the Yugoslav ambassador, Mr. Fotich in Washington. For some reason, only known to himself, Mr. Fotich failed to release this Memorandum through the facilities of the official Yugoslav Press Bureau at Washington or to the American press, thereby. Still more strangely, he submitted this Memorandum solely to the "Srbobran" for publication after a visit by Mr. Pekich, and this after a preliminarly attack on the visiting Yugoslav ministers and some Amer. Croats. As a result, and the ensuing confusion, Gen. Simovich, Premier of Yugoslav Govt. lost his ballance and resigned, being succeeded by the 80 year old Yovanovich "who cannot stand any heavy pressure". If this version of the Memorandums could be published in the Allied Press even at this date, leaving out Fotich, it would greatly neutralize this anti Yugoslav propaganda now in effect. If the Axis found it to their advantage to put this forth, it could be used with more affect by the Allied press.

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RE: Branko Pekich, Sec.
Serb Natl. Federation

S.K. visited Mr. Pekich at his office and found him very hostile and belligerent. Without any prompting, Pekich went into a violent tirade against the Croats and kept referring sarcastically to the "so called Yugoslav Ministers in New York and the Yugoslav government in London itself". He went into a narration of further alleged atrocities committed by the Croats against the Serbs in Free Croatia". He punctuated this by saying, that he had received a communication under the signature of Slobodan Yovanovich, Yugoslav Premier, in which it is alleged that the "Croats are forcing the terrorized Serbs to drink the blood of the slain Serbs". He said that he had told the contents of this to the other Serbs he came in contact with.

When S.K. remarked he would like to see this alleged document, Pekich said never mind and went into another tirade against the Croats. Pekich then stated, that when Mladen Truhovich and Michael Duchich visited Washington, they visited several U.S. Departments and inquired if any of these departments have anything against the policies of the Serb Natl. Fed., the Serbian Natl. Def. Com. or against Yovan Duchich.

Pekich alleges, that all these departments are quoted as informing the two afore said emissaries, that this government is not opposed to ~~##~~ any of their policies in reference to the Croats or their stand on the Yugoslav ministers in this country, or that any department has any grievance against the present activities of Yovan Duchich. Pekich then emphasized, that as a proof ~~##~~ State Department's appreciation of patriotic work on part of the Serbian Natl. Def. Con., they were granted a Charter to collect relief funds for the Serbians. Pekich alleges that the said emissaries were also informed in Washington (without specification) that it was the Yugoslav ministers in New York, who cooked all these charges against the Serb. Natl. Def. Con. and against Yovan Duchich. Pekich then emphasized that he will continue to allow free use of "Srbobran" to Serbian Natl. Def. Con. to write as they see fit to protect the interests of the future Serbian State. He said that the Serbs here will counter any Croatian claim that they are fighting with the Serbs against the Axis and that the Croats want any kind of Yugoslavia. He denounced the Christian Science Monitor and some other American papers for spreading Croatian propaganda that they are intitled to any consideration whatsoever. Pekich then belligerently stated, that from now on, he will not accept any further friendly reminders of his, or his organization's conduct, from any source. If any department thinks that their conduct is inimical to the interests of this country, they will have to take legal means to deal with them. Pekich, and his organization refuse to be threatened or frightened from any source and they claim the priveledge to write anything they want. He said that they will only work for the Serbian interests and against any unity with the Croats, regardless what anyone is going to do about it. *any*

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Pekich then denounced the proceedings of the Amer. Slav Congress and charged that the Serian communists received preference over the 200 Serbian natinal delegates. He accused Wendell Platek of paaing into the hands of the communists, by electing Atty. Bunchich of Akron, O. and Rev. Kraynovich, of Johnston, Pa. (Both of these men are anti communist and well respected, but are opposed to Duchich and his propaganda).

S.K. later interviewed Samuel Werlinich, Pres. of the Federation. Mr. Werlinich stated that he had received a nice letter from the office of the Facts & Figures, which was of immense aid to him and those that sided with him against Pekich and his propagandists. (Pekich denies to any one that his organization has received any kind of a letter from any department, or that he saw it himself). Mr. Werlinich stated that he read the said letter at the meeting of the Board and that the majority agreed that they will respect its contents, that is, all but Pekich. Werlinich charges that Bishop Dionisijs is exerting pressure on his organization to fall in line with the Serb. Natl. Def. Con. and that Pekich insists of using all tricks to oblige the good Bishop. Mr. Werlinich emphatically condemns Pekich's attitude and told him so in uncertain terms. Werlinich asks that Mr. Pekich be officially informed that the continuation of anti Yugoslav and anti Croatian articles in the "Srbobran", by the Serbian Natl. Def. Con. is not in line with the good will expressed by the president of the Federation. Mr. Werlinich states that Pekich actually believes that this Duchich propaganda will influence the U.S. and the Allies to establish a Serb State and discard Yugoslavia.

It is also reported that one Capt. Styepanovich, of the U.S.A. Military Intelligence, is being tutored by Luka Kristiforovich, vice pres. of the Federation, to impress the U.S. authorities that this crowd of Duchich's is a patriotic organization. In print and orally, this organization is advising the Serbs, that they and Pres. Roosevelt, are in accord of common policy, meaning their own. Werlinich states, that the grant of the Charter to this organization was the biggest mistake made on part of the State Dept. A lot of the Serbs are now convinced that this Administration is in sympathy with Duchich and his propaganda and are afraid to refuse the summons to join Duchich. Werlinich also states that he did not affix his name as the honorary pres. of the Serb Defence crowd. He was invited to accept this and even refused to answer. They went ahead and published his name with the rest of the names anyway. He took Pekich to task on this sharp practice and Pekich said that it was now done and no commotion should be started. Werlinich has refused the invitation to attend the St. Vitus Congress at Libertyville, Ill. sponsored by Dionisijs and Duchich. In conclusion, Mr. Werlinich again asks the aid of authorities to take action against Yovan Duchich and his 5th column organization before conditions become more violent.

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RE: Rev. Spiro Andrianich,
Croat. Cath. Church of
"Sacred Heart"
So. Chicago

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The above subject has sent out invitations to nearly all Croatian organizations of Greater Chicago, to have their representatives get in touch with him. The purpose is to form a "American Croatian Alliance of South Chicago", committee. This committee would then set a plan of action for further work. As a start, the committee would arrange a picnic to be held for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

Vincent Knaus, is temporary chairman and P. J. Starchevich an organizer. Both of these men, same as Rev. Andrianich, are dye-in-the-wool adherents of Dr. Pavelich, Fuehrer of "Free Croatia". This all was apparently planned and put into operation by the connivance of several other pro Pavelich Croatian friars. Since the start of this war, most of these Croatian Cath. friars have applied the medium of their faith among the Amer. Croats, to prevent them from forming any anti Axis, or pro Allied organization and had always supported the "Croatian Homedefenders" up to their disbandment and final dispersal.

As reported previously, about two months ago, about 54 Croatian Organizations, formed an anti Pavelich-Axis group and an active American, pro-Allied organization, under the name and title of, Amer. Croatian Natl. Alliance of America. The Pavelich band of agents were thrown into a real panic in realization that they were losing their politico-spiritual grip on these Croats. Working fast, they connived upon the idea to form an organization similar in name to that of the Amer. Croatian Natl. Alliance and thereby confuse the laymen on one hand and neutralize this patriotic organization, on the other. By throwing the bait "for the American Red Cross", these conspirators figured laconically, that the Croatian societies would not dare to refuse an invitation to help the American Red Cross. This is what really happened. Even one Croat red organization answered this invitation and the secretary later sheepishly remarked, that his crowd was afraid of being smeared unpatriotic by "these Hitlerites" if they did not answer the call for the Red Cross. On the other hand, if all these Croat organizations do form a committee to put this picnic over "for the Red Cross", they will at the same time unwittingly build another 5th column channel for the enterprising Rev. Andrianich and his Pavelich friars.

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Mr. Bazdarich, pres. of the Amer. Croat. Natl. Alliance was immediately advised of Rev. Andrianich's move. Bazdarich was very much surprised and hastened with his attorney to speed the granting of charter for his organization, before Rev. Andrianich beat him to it with his charter. Bazdarich and his organization also took quick action to forestall the design and intent of this, Pavelich band's move among the Amer. Croats.

This way, Andrianich would also cover his crowd with a patriotic cloak and continue his subversive work among the Croats by staging patriotic benefit functions. Knaus and Dr. Starchevich are active local republican party workers and advertise Rev. Andrianich as a good catholic priest. City alderman Rowan, De. of the 10th Ward, also caters to Rev. Andrianich, under impression that this priest can sway a number of his Croats in elections. On the other hand, this priest allows it to be known that "he has good political connections" for his followers and himself and therefore his prestige ascends with the general run of the laymen. Of course Alder. Rowan, or any other Amer. politician, is unaware that they are being adroitly used by Andrianich for their alien 5th column act when they cater to him for votes. These local politicians are even ignorant of the fact, that up to Dec. 7th 1941, Andrianich and his cohorts had put themselves on record by speech and action as, pro-Axis, anti-democratic, anti-Administration and anti-war.

It is important to note, that this priest and these 2 men, Knaus and Starchevich, are intellectually so far above the average level of their followers, that they are well capable of leading or misleading them in any chosen path without being caught red handed, and thereby impress them of their power of immunity from deserved prosecution.

Their intention also is to curb the growing popularity and influence of Ban Subasich that is being fostered by the Amer. Croat. Natl. Alliance and other Croatian organizations who are trying to shake of the grip of these cassocked Pavelich's agents.

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Concerning S. K. Bazdarich, Pres. of the American Natl. Alliance, residing in Boston, Mass., it is definitely said that he is not a priest, where he might be. This could be better checked or verified for further verification.

Attention Mr. W. C. W.S.K.
Yugo.May 19, 1942
Chicago, Ill.RE: Dr. Pius Grigaitis
1739 S. Halsted
Chicago, Ill.

2423

The above subject is the editor of the Lithuanian organ, "Naujienos" and its guiding spirit. This paper is 100 % behind our administration and equally liberal in concept.

The information received some time ago, that Grigaitis "is violently pro nazi" is definitely erroneous and misleading. If anything, P. Grigaitis is a violent anti nazi since Hitler came to power. For several years past, Grigaitis has cultivated the Russian philosophy, not communist, as the best policy for the security and internal order of Lithuania. This was strictly concerning Lithuania and not any other distant country. For only referring to things Russian and not communist, he was continuously attacked by the radicals in this country, but not by the Russian reds themselves. Grigaitis is also a pronounced Freethinker and an outspoken critic of the policy of the Lithuanian catholic clergy. This part of the clergy were always opposed to the Russian influence in Lithuania, which was natural for any spiritual and religious group in other countries as well. Grigaitis did not consider the religious and communistic squabbles as the real issue of the matter. He denounced the clergy in interfering in political affairs of the State for their own personal interests in disregard to the vaster interests concerning the country at large.

When Pres. Smetona of Lithuania, visited Chicago, Grigaitis criticized his policy and called him a pro-nazi. For his Freethinker dogma and pro-Russian policy, Grigaitis is being spitefully smeared as "a nazi" by some of the clergy and other political opponents who themselves might actually be of pro nazi sympathies. Some part of this clergy, although not adherent to the nazi principles, are under a complex that their institutions would be safer under German domination than the Russian and therefor will blacklist anyone that is pro-Russian.

P. Grigaitis is socially known and respected in the upper strata of Americans and Lithuanians who are in accord with the policy of this Administration in toto. If there is any disunity caused among the Amer. Lithuanians, it might be said without prejudice, that the responsibility lies more with a part of the Lithuanian Cath. clergy than with any other individual or group, under the existing circumstances.

Concerning F.J. Bagocius, Pres. of the Lithuanian Natl. Alliance, residing in Boston, Mass., it is definitely said that he is not a pro nazi, whatever else he might be. This could be better checked in Boston for further verification.

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Gary, Ind.

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RE: Amer. Croatian Rally for
Ban I. Subasic

This rally was held in the Croatian Hall on 23rd Ave. and Washington St. There were about 700 persons present in the Hall, filled to its capacity with people standing all around. The platform was decorated with two American flags and one a Croatian society banner reading; "Croatian Republican Peasant Harmony". Before Ban Subasic arrived, the speaker called Mr. Bazdarich, president of the Amer. Croat Natl. Alliance to address the assembly. An orchestra played tunes in the meantime.

Mr. Bazdarich opened the proceedings in tribute to the "I am an American Day" and reminded his listeners that they have gathered there in an American spirit of manifestation. He then cited the necessity of common unity with the brethren in Yugoslavia in fighting the common enemy. He called upon the Croats to unite with the Serbs and disregard all propaganda attempts to drive them apart which their enemies are trying constantly to do. He stated, that there are some agents among the Croats who are telling us that America will not win the war and that Croatia is now free. We know who they are and what objective they strive for and who they are working for. The authorities are also aware of them and their subversive work and we are assured that they will be taken care of in a deserving manner. Bazdarich was loudly applauded throughout his address.

When Ban Subasic arrived he was greeted by a standing assembly. American national anthem, followed by the Croatian was played. The Yugoslav hymn was omitted and Ban Subasic looked embarrassed as he conversed with his secretary, Mr. Pavelich. Ban Subasic then addressed the rally by emphasizing their duty to America first, telling the gathering, to learn English and speak American. He cited the 1000 year old struggle for Croat freedom against the Teuton, Magyar and Italian. He underlined the Croat's fight for the rights of both, the Croat and Serb, in the last 20 years against the misrule of Yugoslavia on part of those who were detrimental to both. When the unity was near realization, the old enemy from without again struck to prevent it. The few traitors from within abetted the enemy beforehand. He assured the listeners that the Croats and Serbs will be united more than ever in spite all enemies from without and within. The Croat peasant in his domain, same as the Serb peasant, is giving harbor to the fighting guerilla of Mihajlovich. There was a wild applause to this rally. He emphasized, that the Croats, Serbs and Slovenes can, and will always live together in one house. A man remarked, what about the king. Subasic answered that as a rule he never broached the subject on these rallies, but this time he would. "If the people want a king its their privilege to keep him as an exponent of their desire for everything they stand for". The audience applauded and there were no more remarks.

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After the rally a banquet was arranged at the Gary Htl. for Ban Subasić which was attended by about 220 persons. He spoke briefly for ten minutes. After that Subasić and Pavelich hurried back to Chicago and boarded a night train for N.Y.C.

During the week, Subasić interviewed several local Yugoslav leaders to get their opinion and advice for future political rallies and meetings. These Yugoslav leaders impressed upon Subasić to step out more as a Yugoslav government representative and not as an emissary of his Croatian Peasant Party. They stressed to Subasić that it may appear to the Croats and other Yugoslavs, that he was building his Party in America at the expense of other political groups. They told him that it was more essential for the nationals in America to be unified as a Yugoslav entity then segmented into various parties without central leadership. They explained the Yugoslav intricate politics of the last 20 years in America and the pitfalls for any new comer it entails. Ban Subasić took their counsel to heart and decided to postpone for the time being, all future rallies and return to New York to map out a policy more in line with the Yugoslavs in America. Ban Subasić still recalls the political thin ice he was led on by his first secretary, Prof. Dinko Tomasich and J.D. Butkovich, which nearly ruined him as a political card. Couple days later, after seeing some of these leaders, Subasić read the article of Bishop Dionisije in the "Srbobran", where the bishop takes it for granted that the Serbs and Croats are two separate origins and creeds and any settlements should be carried on those basis, and by inuendo, not on the principles of any Yugoslav unity. It was pointed out to Ban Subasić that it is clear to all true Yugoslavs, that this Serbian clique wants the Croats to build themselves into a solid separate group so that the Croats then be accused of Serbophobia, which would give more ammunition to these anti Yugoslav Serbs for their "Great Serbian State". Subasić said that he was aware of all this for sometime and that he was adopting a policy to that effect from now on. Ban Subasić and other visiting ministers, are reported chagrined with Ambass. Fotich's dilinquency and failure to use his influence and curtail all this anti Yugoslav propaganda. Instead, Fotich is creating obstacles for the ministers in their efforts to unite the Croats and Serbs.

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Attention Mr. D. C. Pool

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Chicago, Ill.

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RE: Yugoslav Reaction to Hungarian
Overtures.

The Yugoslav minded groups of Serbs and Croats are violently opposed to any friendly gestures on part of Tibor Eckardt's "Movement For Independent Hungary". These Yugoslavs emphasize, that Eckardt was previously associated with the notorious "Awakened Hungarians" leading up to the present hostilities. Further, that Eckardt was a leader of the small party of Landowners in Hungary and not the Hungarian Peasant Party, as he likes to claim abroad. Further, that the same Eckardt was the motive power behind the 5th column work of Hungarian design directed against the State and people of Yugoslavia, and that he and his adherents did not oppose or protest the invasion of Yugoslavia but, to the contrary paved the way to make said attack possible by morally educating the Hungarian people just for such an attack at an appropriate moment.

Having accomplished his task, Eckardt, with the connivance of the nazis and his government, was sent to U. S. where he is to continue his 5th column activities. For this purpose he has created the so called "Movement For Independent Hungary" which he uses for cover to continue his masters' propaganda on one hand and to try and insure Hungary's ill gotten gains on the other, in case of an Allied victory. Irrespective of Eckardt and his present machinations, the Yugoslavs point out, that the Hungarian troops, who are also the Hungarian people, exhibited all their traditional venom in attacking Yugoslavia and still continue to wantonly shoot and pillage the people of conquered Yugoslavia. If the Hungarians truly want to show their good faith, they can prove it by joining the oppressed Yugoslavs who are resisting all comers and not wait to see who is going to win the war first. This is the prevalent attitude of the Yugoslavs at large.

The attitude of the Serbian separatist bloc is about the same except that it differs in concept. This bloc envisioning a Greater Serbian State of post war, is indifferent to the Croatian or even Yugoslav point of view towards Hungary or other neighboring States.

However, these Serbs still retain their old suspicion of Hungary as a whole and will not even listen to any proposals untill the Hungarians withdraw from all Serb populated territory. They dont even care if what is left of Croatia joins with Hungary after the Serbs assimilate all their brethren from Croatia. It must be noted that this only refers to this Serbian bloc in America who themselves, are ignorant of the attitude of the Serbs in Yugoslavia.

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The Croatian bloc, not Pavelich's adherents, are more inclined to listen to these Hungarian overtures, not through any altruistic motives, but through the force of circumstances the Croats consider they are being placed in, by the high power politics among the Yugoslav groups themselves. These Croats have in mind a possible division of frontiers between themselves and the Serbs after the war. In that case they consider, that the good will even of any kind of Hungary, might benefit their case of potential segmentation. However, these Croats still hope that some sort of a federated system of unity can be enacted with the Serbs in preference of looking elsewhere for succor. By the same token they are opposed to the renewal of the pre-war Yugoslav system of the government which they consider detrimental to future harmony of any post war reunion. They are still waiting for an assurance from the Yugoslav Govt. in exile and its Allies, that all will enjoy equality if they ever live together again.

A negotiated peace or even a Axis victory is being taken into account by these blocs according to the fortunes of war. The only diehards are the solid Yugoslav groups who will not compromise with the enemy and intend to stick to that principle to the end regardless of the outcome.

The majority of the Slovenes are staunch Yugoslavs and will adhere to the leadership of the stronger Serbo-Croat Yugoslav combination in any attitude towards Hungary or others.

This opinion and belief was elicited of various Serb, Croat and Slovene leaders and groups contacted. The organization of the "Democratic Hungarians" with headquarters in Chicago, are on record as totally opposed to Tibor Eckardt and his organization. They are formerly the Social Democrats of Hungary who did try to come to an agreement with the Yugoslavs and are still catering to the Yugoslavs in spirit of cooperation.

As a whole, the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes abhor any cooperation with Tibor Eckardt and his group, except the few who are not considered loyal either to U.S. or Yugoslavia.

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May 14, 1942
Milwaukee, Wis.

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RE: Yugoslav Affairs

There are several thousand of Yugoslavs in Milwaukee, mostly employed in industrial plants. A comfortable number of them own and operate saloons and grocery stores or own real estate. The latest being more independent, are more at leisure and are able to circulate among their nationals better than a plant worker who is usually tired to talk politics, except on holidays. Under the circumstances these semi-independent individuals easily assume the leadership amongst their particular groups. (This applies to most of the cities and communities at large). There are slightly over 3000 of Serbs in this city. A large number of these are old time socialists and rather patriotic as Americans. One ultra Serb complained to S.K. that his crowd is having a hard time to keep up their Serb. Natl. Def. Coun. with the strong opposition from these Serb socialists.

The Slovene group is the most forward in upholding the semblance of Yugoslav unity since the Serb-Duchich crowd segregated themselves from the Yugoslav concept of cooperation. One Slovene leader sadly remarks that "we and Duchich's Serbs now only meet as strangers". On the other hand, one ultra Serb remarked "that these conniving Croats are still proudly adopting our Serbian, Draža Mihajlović". This man was referring to the Croatian rallies with Ban Subasić. Despite this setback, the Yugoslav minded Serbs and Slovenes are standing fast against the Serb and Croat separatists alike. There is a small group of Slovenes who still consider themselves Austrians since the downfall of that Empire. Most of them have been employed by the old German firms in Milwaukee and in their own atmosphere retained the Austrian spirit which was more or less natural in normal times. However, the times not being normal at present, they embarrassed the patriotic Slovenes to no small degree. The patriotic Slovenes went ahead to change the alien views of their misled compatriots and had a hard time to edificate them in democratic principles of today. The Slovenes always had a strong socialist group but which is patriotic. In the first world war, they were listed by the U.S. authorities as "red and subversive". This was rather incorrect. Strangely enough, this blot on them remained up to about a year ago, when some local authorities in mid-west realized that these Slovene socialists were really more patriotic than some other flag waving groups. Up to about 6 months ago there was always a division between the socialists, democrats and catholic Slovene groups. Since then, they agreed on one Yugoslav political platform on all national aspects. The Slovenes have proved themselves the most dignified, conservative and diligent workers for unity than any other member of the Yugoslav family.

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N. A. AGP
S.K.
Yugo.

May 12, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

RE: Amer. Croat. Natl. Alliance Rally,
Ban Subasic.

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It appears that the Serb extremists have found an opportunity to make an issue out of the above rally, held on May 10th. Before Ban Subasic arrived, the proceedings were opened with the string orchestra "Yavor" playing the U.S. national anthem and concluding with the old Croatian anthem.

When Ban Subasic entered the orchestra struck up the All-Slav hymn, "Hey Slovane". As a result, the Serbs charge that the Yugoslav official anthem was deliberately ~~omit~~ omitted from the program. Another issue made is the failure of the preparation committee, to invite the Consul General Cabric to the rally. This is also emphasized by the various Yugoslav groups. Both issues are technically justified on part of the critics. In the first place, Ban Subasic, besides being the Governor of Croatia, is first of all a de facto official representative of the Yugoslav government.

Therefor, Con. Gen. Cabric should have been invited by the Alliance to the rally to greet the visiting Ban Subasic. The official Yugoslav hymn should have been played in presence of Ban Subasic. What the Alliance committee apparently had in mind, was a number of Croats who detest any display of Yugoslavism, but by the same token are good Americans in spirit. Therefor, the harrassed committee substituted the All-Slav hymn in appeasement.

The failure to invited Con. Gen. Cabric is attributed to plain ignorance on part of the committee. The absence on his part was correct, due to the lack of invitation on part of the committee. Unfortunately, due to all this juggling, Ban Subasic will again be exposed to sniping on part of the Duchich's crowd, which has already begun. Consul Mirkovic, one of the same crowd, is already spreading the story of "this shameless exposition of Subasic and his Croats" (while himself having engaged in anti-Yugoslav activities since Nov. 1941). Consul Mirkovich is submitting a report to Ambass. Fotich in accusing Ban Subasic and the rally as anti-governmental, from his own point of view. Regardless of all these undercurrent political polemics, and as stated in the report of May 11th, this rally was a realistic exhibition of Americanism and unity of purpose towards the united war effort on part of all those concerned. It would be humanly impossible to satisfy all the recalcitrants and the mistakes cannot be avoided under the present depressing times. Other reports will follow.

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One prominent Yugoslav leader in Chicago, of Croatian descent, just spoke with S.K. and accused Ban Subasić of catering to the separatist, anti-Yugoslav Croats since he came to U.S.

He remarked that if Ban Subasić does not cease to cater only to the Croat nationalists, and keeps eluding the true Yugoslavs, the Yugoslav leaders will call a rally of their own and ask his recall by the Yugo. government, en quote.

It happens, that since 4.00 p.m. today, another Yugo. leader is in conference with Ban Sbasic at his hotel and will inform S.K. of the outcome tomorrow. Most of these patriotic Yugoslav leaders do not realize, that Ban Subasić was sent here with a prime purpose to specifically first approach these separatist Croats and endeavor to unify them first as an entity and then try and mold them into a Yugoslav spirit and get them out of the clutches of Pavelich's agents.

Communication of D. C. P. received and will ~~be~~ ~~acted~~ upon.

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N. A. AGP

Miss C. G.

TO : AWD

From: BC

Your enquiry about the Rev. F. Bakorich.

He is a Catholic priest (Jesuit) working in a rather poor Los Angeles Slav neighborhood (and mixed Irish). He is an extreme fanatic in his profession, and in most of his political actions he ~~follows~~ the Irish line which transplanted into the Yugoslav orbit, means that he is against the Association with non Catholic Serbs. His influence is in so far important as he represents a more educated class of men who could easily be influenced.

This type of Croat priests like the Irish are very anti FDR. I enclose translations of these letters to show how very anti Roosevelt they really are.

S.K.
Yugo.

May 11, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

RE: Rev. F. Bakorich
610 No. Hill St.
Los Angelos, Calif.

The above subject is one of the rabid pro-nazis found in the ranks of the Croatian friars, from coast to coast. The enclosed 5 photostats are only a few of the many letters he has writtenshowing his adherence to nazi principles, and his ~~hated~~ hatred of democracy. Since the advent of U.S. into the war, the subject has taken fright and stopped putting his feelings and opinions into letter form. However he still carries on his anti-democratic propaganda orally. In June, 1941, when the editor of Our Hope organ of the C.C.U., wrote an article intitlled "An answer to a Hitlerite", it concerned the subject. However, the subject kept up with his pro-nazi letters up to the time of U.S. entry into the war.

S.K. obtained these letters in strictest confidence, with an understanding that this evidence against the subject, will not disclose the identity of the informant, at least for the present and untill the informant is used to the full extent of his ability to supply additional information against other pro-nazis in the ranks of the C.C.U.

Other reports will follow.

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Copy delivered to Poole

Miss Galt

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Rev. F. Bakorich to Mr. Kolander Editor of the Nasa Nada.

Dear Editor :

I have in hand the Easter number of Nasa Nada. On Easter Saturday I was in your church attending a funeral. On my way home, I noticed an inscription on the sidewalk " to hell with Churchill" I wondered if your paper would allow a commentary about it. In the Easter number Croata Amerikanus beats Hitler on every side and never Churchill (who happens to be as many priests confirm it, an atheist) I see it would be useless to send an article in this line to you. BIAS is an English word- although a learned Greek philosopher bore the same name. I would rather believe our President (vulgo: FDR) rather than Hitler, so writes your paper Croata Amerikanus. but if the said gentleman would cast a glance into the newest issue of Jesuit periodicals (America) he would see how " Our President" is a simple liar " that he leads us step by step into war - although he promised before the elections to be peace loving. Croata Amerikanus sine ira et studie. Whom will you dear reader believe? Roosevelt (who is a free mason) or Goebbels(who might be a Catholic) Or Hitler and his promises and signed treaties (as if the masters in the other camp had never broken their promises ? Propaganda must make use of ... blackmail (The quotation was from Hitler's book). But the said author Croat Amerikanus is blind to the disgusting propaganda which is spread by the Jew. We know how it is as would say our Brother Slovenes.

Letter No.2.

Dear Editor.

I received your letter of the 25th. Does it pay to wrangle SUUM CUIQUE" To you Hitler and to us Roosevelt ." All right, one likes the cow, the other calf, what is the difference between your beloved FDR and Hitler, you will say, the one is for freedom and the other for aggression, so dear FRD is peaceful and therefore we should be with him! a real onehundred percent democrat. I would like you to read the Editorial by the Rev. John Dunne, who is the editor of the local publication of the archbishopric and writes about FDR democracy. I would also like you to see the Tablet (Brooklyn NY) April 19 where I read an article by Rev. Edward L. Curran. Ph.D. There your dear FDR is called the worst of dictators by this same Reverend, all right you be with him, the American Government (you write) on April 17, 1941, " the barbaric assault .. is one more chapter towards mastery and conquest. This is only about Nazis, but if England takes under her wings Creta Iceland and USA takes Groenland then it is nothing. FDR says "Maybe the Naziz would take it to morrow therefore we better grab it today. We have here several papers strongly pro English and pro FDR. we read US grabs foreign ships, the next edition has a changed phrase, has not your dear FDR introduced censorship and you tolerate it ? Yesterday I heard in church an Irish priest (in front of the altar) calling FDR's son James a small potatoe as far as the Catholic Church was concerned (father and son are alike). You should quote this too OSV March 2,41, page 13, Our holy Father loves all, the Nazis and the Allies, he must be strictly neutral as an Italian priest remarked to me lately, I was horrified to read that you call the Vatican radiostation E.....

N. A. AGDE

Letter 3. (the other two letters are in English)

Received your paper. Moral armament , against whom ? Against
paganism? The more I read about it the more I am disgusted. On the
radio, in the papers, in adds, everywhere, Nazi, Nazi, Nazi, and
the editor of a Catholic paper falls into the same group. So
you run after FDR and after British propaganda. Go on with your
" aggression of ferocious Huns ". John Bull will be grateful to you.
To you FDR means more than a Catholic Bishop, or Archbishop and you
pretend to run a Catholic paper.

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Vrijepiti se kuci - oporiti na stolicama i stolicama: to Hell with Churchill. Dala mi ideja, dali
bi. Naša koda, ako je vjerovatno, dorevita neki komentari o tome. U ista broja vidim
da Croatia Americanus (bez hypena!) lupu po Hitleru i sve u šesnaest, a nikada
po Churchillu (koji je, kako mi rekoste neki svjetlucavi ateista). Vidim da bi ho
urechdan posao, poslati koji članak glade kuga u N. H. Binas je evelast
riječ - premda je jedan uicini grčki filozof nosio isto ime.

Ja ću prije vjerovat našim Predsjedniku (ulgo: FOR) nepoli Hitleru. Ovo ko
Croatia Americanus. A da dotični gospodini porleda u najnoviji broj
jrenikog glasila (America) vidio bi kako je "naš predjednik" jedinstveni
lasae. Kako nas korak po korak vodi u rat - premda je obećao
bije izbora: da je ministar. Croatia Americanus piše sine ira et studio:
konu deš, citate, moe vjerovat: Roosevelt [koji je francuz] ili Goebela
[koji p moe katolik?]. Ili Hitleru i njegovim obećajama i potpisanim
stavovima? [Kao da gospoda u protivnom tabom nikad ne pogreše svoje
obećanje?]. "Propaganda mora da upihne... eleve [citati iz B. H. Kupre] - a bi
dotični pisac, Croatia Americanus, je čovjek kakav bilojstun propandag sin čista-ja
Sej vemo kakav je! Kao bi krajice.

Ante Pavelić

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P.S. Vi rado citirate ono, što je uz vašu denu (tj. ako pedam lupa po Hitleru, ali ako netko brani njega - oh, je verdačtig, ka bio on sam nadb. Kardinal iz Berlina ili Beča.

Onaj ista.
Saint John Chrysostom Rectory
409 E. Manchester Boulevard
Inglewood, California

Apr 29. 41.

Dragi medruice, Orchard 7-2736

Danas primio primo od 25. re. Dali se isplati polemizirati?
Vi velite: Summ cuigue! Nama Hitler - a nama Roosevelt.
All right: Summ cuigue! netko voli kram - a drugi tele.
Kakva je razlika, molim vas, između vašeg ljubavnog
FDR - i Hitlera? Reci iste: pedam je "mistrovac - a drugi
aggressor". Zar? Dragi Franklin D. je mistrovac - i
zato mora da budemo uz njega!!! I pravi (100%!) demonstrata
Valib tih da citate Editorial od Rev. John Dunne, koji je
mednik nadb. klasa, ovdje, glede demokracije FDR. I volio
bih da posleđale The Tablet (Brooklyn N.Y. Apr. 19.) gdje je
clanak Rev. Edw. L. Curran Ph.D. gdje ovaj nlo. naxiofi vašeg
dragog FDR najgorim diktatorom. All right - budite uz
njega! Amer. slada (pišete u Apr. 17. 41) izjavljuje: Barbarska
navala... jest ja pedam poglavice za gospodstvom i za osvajačstvom
(to samo glase Naxijevaca!). ali ako Enclasha urme pod svoj
protektorat Kretu... Islandiju... a USA Greenland - oh to je
mista! FDR veli: Maybe da bi to Naxijevci danas sutra
oteli - zato se mi morali poživiti da poprebimo! Ima
par novina ovdje koji su jako za Englesku i za FDR politiku.
I izdane tih novina parilo u vanu zonu: U.S. GRAB foreign
ships. prvo izdane uci nup rahlo tajima. Da je va
dragi FDR uveo cenzuru ovdje - to p vama sadim pravo.
Inier sam čuo u orkvi, ispod altara, penog bršak svedanija
gdje naxiofi sinu FDR (James-a) he is a small potatoe as
far as catholic Church is concerned. (Kakav otac takav sin!)
Ako volite, kako velite, citirati Our Sunday Visitor - onda
liste kako i ovo (O.S.V. Mar 2. 41. page 13.) Our holy Father loves
all (i naxijevci i albionci). On mora da bude strogo neutralan
Kako mi se čini pedam talf. pop ovdje. I njezgu radio.
"Moram reci da me čudi... Kako možete zvati Vat. radio stanicu.... b...
I will always stick to my words, q. Colanderu."

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*Trinisa uovim. Moramo uovirivati? JUN 7 5 10 PM
Koliko koga? - protiv Nazi-propagande! To mi
isto vise citam takov porucje - to mi
se vise gadi. Na radio, u novinama, u
oplasinju, svuda: NAZI, NAZI, NAZI... I sto
urednik ide Katolicke novine... upao
u tu stupicu. I pravu klipetu za F.D.R.
i za Ant-propagandom. Samo lippo uast-
vite da "navolom bijesnik Huma". John*

Bull ce vam biti zahvalan.

*Vama ce vje F.D.R. nego jedan Katolicki
biskup ili nadbiskup. A hocete
da budete "Katolicka" novina!*

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Dear Sir: 18 PM
In your paper *Young* I saw a photograph
against Hitler. Today I received a
letter from New York (International Union), in
which we can see: Europe is in a mess -
Africa is in a fix. In West Africa, all Germ.
missionaries have been interned, by
order of Winston Churchill. The odds
of war destroy everything. Whenever
the war is declared, song of hatred
begins. So let's not declare
war - and no hatred will be seen.
But we all write countries to help
Britain has motto: we are in favor
not to declare war - because it's not
modern - but just to hate, hate,
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Dear Sir: So much space has been given in N.Y. to F.D.R. (his speed...), on the 1st page of N.Y. "za o'vange demotracie i obmanu Sped. Drivara od dillabys". But certain Chicago paper tells us = that certain local officials are threatening punitive measures against non-citizens who cannot produce evidence that they have registered... This is, I suppose, the spirit of F.D.R. "za o'vange demotracie" - The President's paper - a Chicago paper tells it, is also "za o'vange demotracie" - Also: F.D.R. demands free hand for his emergency - Congress or no Congress - "emergency" is here; we have to fight the dictators!

The latest book about France, by John B. Wolf (N.Y. No. Prentice Hall, Inc.) says: Poland made a treaty of friendship with Hitler & began to discuss with Hungary & Germany the partition of Czechoslovakia.

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May 11, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

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RE: Rally of Amer. Croatian
Natl. Alliance for Ban I. Subasić

The above rally was held in the Pilsen Sokol Hall, at 1814 So. Ashland Ave., on May 10th. The people began coming at 1.30 p.m. and by 3.00 p.m. the Hall was comfortably filled. The estimated number present was about, 1000 persons. The Chicago Tribune reported about 1200. The majority were Amer. Croats, some Slovenes and about 50 Serbs. The main speakers were Ban Subasić and Mr. Bazdarich, Pres. of the Amer. Croat Natl. All. A string band and three Croat Singing Societies opened the proceedings.

Pres. Bazdarich stated that the Alliance was composed of 54 Croatian societies and that most of the Croatian organizations throughout the country are expected to join. Mr. Bazdarich emphasized that the primary stress of the Alliance is Americanism under which mold, the Amer. Croats are given an opportunity to iron out their many past differences and unite as entity to do their part for their new homeland, and to contribute physically and materially to the war effort, in defeating the enemies of America and its Allies.

Mr. Bazdarich declared that the Serbs and Slovenes have their organizations and the Croats have theirs. He called on all three clans of the Yugoslav family, to forget all their past petty squabbles, instigated by fifth column activities on part of the enemies of Yugoslav people, and join in harmony with rest of the great peoples in fighting the common enemy of mankind. He emphasized, that the Croatian hand is extend to the brother Serb whenever he wants to grasp it. Bazdarich pointed out the unity achieved under the democracy of America and the willingness of all to preserve this democracy, come what may. He reminded the Amer. Croats that, although their loyalty is unquestioned, they have to manifest their unity and patriotism and show the enemies of America that the Amer. Croats are ranged with the forces of justice. Bazdarich bitterly condemned Ante Pavelich and his Ustashi clique, as well as their bloody master, Hitler and called for a day of just reckoning for the crimes done to the Croats and brother Serbs alike.

Any mention of Pavelich, Hitler or Japan was soundly and sincerely booed. The mention of Pres. Roosevelt, America and the Allies was wildly applauded. Ban Subasić spoke in the same theme but with more experienced finesse. He also stressed that the Amer. Croats' first duty was to America. He reminded the Amer. Croats that their unity now will have a great effect on the Croatian people in the old country to the detriment of few traitors and their brutal masters. He declared that it is not a question of various nationalities, but a question of being a Man first. He wanted to see the Croats once and for all, grouped in unity same as the Serbs and Slovenes, as there is no existing reason why the all three cannot live in the same home.

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Subasić bitterly denounced the late ruling clique of Yugoslavia through whose rottenness and treason the country never had a chance to unite, but instead collapsed at the first punch.

Throughout, Subasić stressed the democratic principles of America and reminded his listeners that they knew those principles better than he does as a visitor. He was heartily applauded all through.

From the point of speech and reception and the general attitude of the entire concept, this was the best expression of solidarity and patriotism yet exhibited by the Amer. Croats. Mr. Bazdarich read several resolutions addressed to Pres. Roosevelt, Yugoslav Premier, Dr. Yovanovich, M. Litvinoff, U.S.S.R. Ambass. and Mr. Krnjovich head of the Croat. Peasant Party in exile. Tribute was also paid to Dr. Machek in Croatia for his unyielding resistance to Pavelich and Hitler.

There is no question that Ban Subasić's appearance boosted the prestige of this newly formed Amer. Croat. Natl. Alliance and at the same time enormously contributed to the Croatian unity and willingness to cooperate with the Serbs. Some of the Yugoslav organizations absented themselves with a grouch that they were not invited to participate in the Preparation Committee and as a result did not call upon their membership to attend the rally.

The idea of organizing this Alliance was sponsored by the members of the Yugoslav Relief Fund, to first consolidate the Croats and later to assure the Serbs that they wish to cooperate with them in unity of purpose if they all mend their ways. It came out that no Serbian organization can freely enter into any cooperation with any Croatian invitation, without the consent of Serbian Bishop Dionisijs, since his election as a honorary president of the Serbian Natl. Def. Council.

Ban Subasić is remaining in Chicago for the rest of the week to lend his advice to the Croat and Yugoslav leaders before he speaks at a rally in Gary, Ind. on May 17th. He will endeavor to bring all these leaders together and impress them to forget their petty differences in the future. There is a visible wish and intention on part of the Serbian rank and file to cooperate with the Croatians, but the Duchich crowd is still holding this desire on the leash. However, this healthy manifestation on part of the Croats might be the turning point for the better relationship of both extremes.

Other reports will follow shortly.

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May 9, 1942
Gary, Ind.

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RE: Axis Propagandists within the
Croatian Cath. Union.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the C.C. U., held in September, 1940, Mr. Kolendar, editor of "Our Hope" the C.C.U. organ, presented a resolution which condemned the dictators and aggressors who started the war. The resolution called for a display of an American flag at the meetings of the Lodges. Rev. F.J. Cuturio, spiritual director, of the C.C.U. spoke against the resolution as being "politios". Rev. M.S. Hranilovich, chairman of the Board of Auditors, also spoke against it, stating that the introduction and mention of dictators is "offensive" to the heads of other governments, and asked that this be omitted, as the resolution is O.K. otherwise. He also added that "who knows what will happen within the next 6 months". (This was after the collapse of France). The president, George Rakic also agreed with them, that no offense should be given to the dictators. When Mr. Kolendar refused to have the resolution emasculated according to their sentiments, it was not passed.

Kolendar then remarked that he could not understand their attitude inasmuch, if they are American citizens and that he would be ashamed to express himself in this fashion. The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board, held June 9, 1941, contain the following excerpts:

"Since Brother Editor has been repeatedly reminded to be cautious in writing about political questions and parties, and since various complaints in connection with such writing are coming against him, therefor, Brother Editor is hereby again and for the last time being admonished to be very cautious in writing about political questions and to avoid all political partisanship, because "Our Hope" is no political paper". This was a few weeks after Kolendar published an article in "OUR Hope" entitled, "An answer to a Hitlerite", in which Kolendar condemned a Hitler's sympathizer for attacking Pres. Roosevelt.

S.K.

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(The Hitler sympathizer is one Rev. F. Bakorich, of 610 No. Hill St., Los Angeles, Calif.). Kolander also denounced Hitler and his stooges in America in another column of an issue before the meeting in question. The meeting did not question Kolander nor, did they name any articles as being what they termed "political". When Kolander asked the president, Rakic, to tell him which articles he deems political, so that Kolander may be governed in the future, Rakic refused to point any article. Sec. Ramuscak remarked to Rakic not to answer to Kolander anything "as he wants to trap you". Later on and recently, the same admonition ensued about the "political writing" when Kolander wrote articles on Hitler and his Axis, in true light. Kolander carried in translation most of Pres. Roosevelt's speeches during that time, giving prominence to condemnation of Hitler. Again at the Sept., 1941, meeting, Rev. Cuturio stated, that Kolander was giving too much space to "propaganda", but when pressed for identification of such articles, Cuturio declined to identify said articles.

When the puppet government of Croatia declared war upon the United States, Kolander wrote an article intitled "Let us wipe out this shame", and explained that the people of Croatia were Hitler's slaves and had nothing to do with this declaration of war, and that we should show our condemnation of this act by buying Defense Bonds and declare our loyalty to the United States in appropriate resolutions. Kolander also started publishing the names of Lodges and amounts of Defense Bonds they bought and their donations to the Red Cross. Heading the list, was a condemnation of Ante Pavelic and his declaration of war upon ~~the~~ the United States. This was during the last week of December and first two weeks of January, 1942.

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On January 22, 1942, president Rakic called Kolander into the office of sec. Ramuscak. He also called treasurer Joseph Pavlic. Rakic held the issues of Our Hope in which appeared that article condemning Pavelic and his declaration of war and the list of Lodges with amounts of Defense Bonds bought. Rakic declared, that he had received several complaints on account of these statements against Pavelic and Independent State of Croatia. Kolander stated, that the condemnation concerns not the Croatian people, but Hitler's stooge, Pavelic, as anyone can plainly read. Rakic said that we must look out for the interest of the organization and asked Kolander to drop out of the Lodge list all reference to Pavelic. Sec. Ramuscak also denounced this reference to Pavelic and accused Kolander of enmity to the Croatian cause. Kolander had printed a resolution of Lodge # 7, of McKeesport, Pa. condemning Pavelic and Hitler by name.

Since the by-laws provide that the president supervises the editing and publishing of the official organ, Kolander had to drop the reference to Pavelic from the Defence Bonds list and substitute a slogan for "Buy a share in America". On feb. 10th, 1942, Rakic again reminded Kolander, that publishing articles against Pavelic was against the interests of the organization and not a prpper thing to do.

These Hitler adherents are steadily conniving how to get rid of Mr. Kolander as they are in terror in case he should denounce them to the U.S. authorities. Kolander might even be physioally in danger in this respect.

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May 6-7, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

RE: Yugoslav Rally with Ban Subasio,
on May 10th.

Preparations are continuing for this rally which is being sponsored by the Amer. Croat. Natl. Alliance of Greater Chicago. This Alliance now claims to be composed of 50 various Croatian organizations or at least drawing their membership from the largest part of said organizations. The secretary, Mr. Vukelich, has invited the Serbs and Slovenes to participate at the rally through the press and private letters. Mr. Vukelich wrote to Ban Subasio in New York and told him that the Alliance intended to ask the Serbian Bishop Dionisije to use his influence among the Serbs to attend this rally. Ban Subasio allegedly replied that, "Bishop Dionisije is a hypocrite and that it would be a waste of time to approach him on the subject". Other degradatory remarks pertaining to the good Bishop were allegedly added. At the recent meeting of the Alliance's Committee, Mr. Vukelich unwisely declared that Ban Subasio had written him a letter, overruling an invitation to Bishop Dionisije. Some indignant members demanded to see this letter. Still more unwisely, Mr. Vukelich in confusion exhibited this letter. All concerned agree that what Ban Subasio said about Dionisije is apparently true, which they knew long ago before Ban Subasio did. But, the Committee also is in unison that it was rather untactful of Ban Subasio to write such a letter under the present tense situation between the Croats and the Serbs. Mr. Vukelich realized that it was poor tact on his part as well, even to have mentioned this letter to his own committee. They were sure that the Bishop would have found suitable excuse to dodge the issue anyway and with the polemics on this letter, the bishop has an excellent bona fide reason to abstain from any support of this rally if he gets any wind of the contents of this letter. The wily Bishop will not attribute this letter as an attack

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on his personal integrity alone, but will use this as an affront to all ideals that the Serbs stand for. The ultra-Serb leaders will grasp upon this as "further proof" of Croatian "separatism and hatred of the Serbs". Of course, most people will lose sight of the fact that it was Duchich's Serbian front which instigated most of this Serbo-Croatian division in the last 6 months.

Irrespective of all this summation, the ultra-Serbs have been busy in cautioning the Serb laymen, to absent themselves from this rally. In the Croat. Cath. Union, of Gary, Joseph Erdeljao, member of the Board of Trustees, asked for a resolution that the editor of "OUR Hope" be permitted to advertise the Ban Subasio Yugoslav rally for May 10th in Chicago and May 11th in Gary. George Rakich, Pres. and George Ramuscak, Sec. vetoed this proposal, saying that "it was political propaganda" and that "Our Hope" cannot be used for this medium.

This is the usual underground political seething but on the surface the rank and file of the Amer. Yugoslavs are expected to rectify the errors of their leaders and offset these disputes by coming in force to these rallies. It has been impressed upon those concerned, that the prime factor is a successful attendance of the rally. Ministers Kosanovich and Snoj are reported on their way to hold rallies in other places of Mid West. Gen. Pera Zivkovic passed through Chicago last Sun. proceeding in Westerly direction. His destination will be learned in due course.

Other reports will follow.

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May 5, 1942
Gary, Ind.

RE: Activities of Dr. A. Pavelich's Exponents

On about April 20th last, Luka Grbich, former publisher and editor of the defunct organ "Independent State of Croatia", made another of his regular visits to the C.C.U. in Gary. He was driven in an auto by one Luka Kalanj, of Chicago, another exponent of Dr. Pavelich. Grbich and Kalanj went into a huddle with Stanislav Boric and George Rakic of the C.C.U. after which Grbich and Kalanj drove back to Chicago. While in Chicago, Grbich was in confab with Rev. Bojanich and F.J. Cuturic another two birds of a feather. Previous to this Grbich paid a visit to Rev. Oskar Suster in Detroit, Mich. While in Gary, Grbich was asked if he was still collecting cash of the priests. He slyly replied that the priests usually take and not give. It is a well known fact, that all these mentioned and others have been regular cash contributors to Grbich and the "Independent State of Croatia" in the past. It now appears that Grbich is in the role of liason between the higher ups in their continuous schemes of propaganda and dissension.

Recently, Rev. Ravlich of So. Chicago, another garbed propagandist, sent a "Mother's Day" letter to the editor of "Our Hope", which said in effect: "To remember our mothers, who cannot peacefully sleep thinking about their sons who are suffering in this war". The editor perceived that this was another piece of subtle propaganda, intended to demoralize some of its readers. The editor therefor changed the wording of this letter for publication.

Rev. Grubisic and Andrianic, of the "Sacred Heart" Croatian church of So. Chicago, visited their brethren in the C.C. U. about 10 days ago and discussed the merits of the present war.

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They were asked for their opinion as to who will win this war. These two hooded solons fidgeted and beat around the bush for a safe answer depending who was listening. Both finally allowed that this was anybody's war, with pick your own. However, they went on record as saying, that no one can be sure if America will win this war. At the last Easter services in the So. Chicago Croat church, Rev. Andrianich reportedly told his congregation, "that our Croatia was now ressurected, thank God".

When the Yugo. Minister, S. Kosanovich spoke in Gary at a Yugoslav rally, two of Duchich's men hung around the entrance and warned all the Amer. Serbs whom they would recognize, not to enter "as this was not a Serbian rally". Gov. of Croatia, Ban Subasich, is expected to speak at a rally on May 17th and already Duchich's agents are making the rounds and warning the Serbs not to attend this "Croatian rally". They have adopted the technique of sending female emmissaries on these errands, figuring that any enraged citizen will not take a sock at a woman. Cases have already occurred where old Serb and Croat neighbors are now calling each other murderers, traitors and what not. The same incidents are reportedly taking place in defence plants when the former friends meet. Duchich's crowd seems elated with this success of their efforts and gleefully accuse these unfortunate Croats to their fellow Americans as "dangerous alliens". Ban Subasich is expected to speak at a Yugoslav rally on May 10th in Chicago.

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3. "St. Nicholas", New York.
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Congress Park, Ill., near Chicago.
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For the past several years, a small band of Pavelich's dye-in-the-wool "Croatian Homedefenders", Lodge are located in Congress Park, Ill. About a year and a half ago, Stanislav Boric, Pavelich's agent extraordinary and organizer for the C.C.U., organized the Lodge # 102, of St. Joseph out of the same members already belonging to the "Croatian Homedefenders". This Boric strategem served to cover the activities of this group with a religious zeal which they far from practice in their trade.

When the "Croatian Homedefender" was disbanded about a year ago, they the members, had already joined in the ranks of the C.C.U. and the C. F. U. but mostly with the C.C.U. which was according to instructions of Pavelich's agents. To facilitate this scheme, a certain Maydak of Chicago, has for a long time broadcast an invitation and advice "to all Croatians" to join the C.C.U. Maydak receives a regular bonus "for his services" from the C.C.U. In November last, Maydak was picked up by the F.B.I. for questioning regarding his activities with the Homedefenders. As a result he allegedly lost his position with the Natl. Harvester Co. He boasted in Croatian saloons that he will give anyone \$1000 who can prove that he was held on bail on a charge by the U.S. authorities. Maydak allowed that he was too smart to leave himself liable.

"Homedefender" George Butkovich is the guiding spirit of the band comprising Lodge # 102. Otherwise, Josip Saban, is the president and Mile Grahovac, is the secretary of this Lodge. Recently, information seeped out that this group has a short wave receiving set which enables them to tune in Zagreb, Croatia, and acquire news and information essential to their activities in this country. They allegedly receive this twice a week. Up to now this band has even refused to allow any of their ilk from other Lodges to listen in on the news. These members meet at a Croatian saloon in Congress Pk.

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All those marked by an "X" in front of their names, are pronounced supporters of Dr. Ante Pavelich, the Axis puppet ruler of Croatia. The C.C.U. is under the supreme influence of Dr. David Zrno, the Franciscan Provincial of Croatian Catholic Section of that Order.

Dr. Zrno is a declared agent of Dr. Ante Pavelich. Through the influence of Dr. Zrno, Rev. F. Cuturio was elected at the last convention of the aforesaid organization as the Spiritual Leader of the same, according to the by-laws, the Spiritual Leader is the highest officer of the Union. Rev. Cuturio was publishing articles regularly in the "Independent State of Croatia" a weekly, which used to be published in Pittsburgh by the "Croatian Homedefender" up to the month of March of this year, which organization was entirely pro-fascist and organized upon orders of Dr. Ante Pavelich.

To control the action of this C.C.U., one Stanislaw Borio, who is here on a temporary visa as a visitor, was employed as an organizer of the aforesaid Union, with headquarters in the main office at, 125 W. 5th Ave., Gary, Ind. Stanislaw Borio came to the United States few years ago from Zagreb, where he was employed by the Hrvatski Radisa, a trade organ. He was sent here by Col. Kvaternik, who is now in command of the Axis-Croatian army of Dr. Ante Pavelich. It is a well known fact, that the said Borio was put in the office of the C.C.U. to control the action of the Board for the benefit of Axis propaganda in this country. Since Borio's arrival, those marked with "X" have redoubled their propaganda for the cause of the Axis.

Up to this date, the Board of Directors of the said C.C.U. has never issued any statement condemning the present Quisling government of Dr. Ante Pavelich in Croatia. Francis Kolendar, the editor and an extremely patriotic American citizen, publicly condemned Pavelich, Hitler and the Axis puppets in general and called upon the Board to draw a resolution to the same effect. For this, Mr. Kolendar was violently condemned himself by those marked "X" and a campaign is now on to have him ejected from his office.

It is advisable to take proper action to eliminate the present Board of Directors and all of the Axis sympathizers in the said organization. This organization will have a quadruannual convention beginning the 20th of September, 1942, in Steelton, Pa. At least the following should be eliminated: "X" Rev. F.J. Cuturio, George Rakio, George Ramuscak, Rev. M.S. Hranilovich, Rev. J.S. Juricek, Rev. V. Ardas.

During the last war, Rev. Hranilovich was a pronounced Austrian propagandist and since the last war, has continuously worked against the national interests of Yugoslavia. He is the father-in-law of Stanislaw Borio. The most suitable and patriotic person for the Spiritual Leader would be Rev. Separovich, who is in charge of the Croatian Rom. Cath. Parish in Milwaukee, Wis. He is the most respected and liberal of all members of the Croatian Franciscan Order in America.

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The proper person for the President of this organization would be Mr. Joseph Erdeljao, of Cleveland, Ohio, at present a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Francis Kolander, the present editor of "Our Hope" would be the proper person for the office of Supreme Secretary, as he is well qualified for said work in every way and is an ardent American citizen. He has a son in the U. S. army.

The addresses of the Lodges of this organization will be submitted in the reports to follow.

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Yugo.

May 1, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

Re: Yugoslav Activities

About 2 months ago, a American-Croatian Natl. Alliance was formed in Chicago. It is made up of a number of Croatian Frat. Union Lodges and the Croatian Peasant Party of Greater Chicago. It was framed by those Croats who were afraid to remain with the isolated groups on one hand and were loath to cater to the pro-Yugoslav groups in fear of the Croat Extremists.

The title of American-Croatian is stressed to indicate their allegiance to their country of adoption and still be able to play their hand in the Croatian politics. Another spur to organize themselves as such, was the result of the Duchich and "Srbobran" propaganda against the Croats. However, this Alliance failed to spread into any influential degree, due to the overwhelming strength of the united Yugoslav societies of Greater Chicago.

At the beginning of Duchich's propaganda campaign, about 60 Croatian Slovene and Serb societies, consolidated themselves to fight all comers against the Yugoslav unity. After the elimination of the "Croatian "Home-defenders", the consolidated Yugoslavs were in full stride towards the hard fought goal of unity. When this victory seemed to be realized, they were sat back by the blast of Duchich forces, to whom any Yugoslav accomplishment of unity would have proved fatal to their Greater Serbia build-up. The fabled stories in the "Srbobran" of Croats killing of hundreds of thousands of Serbs, alienated a lot of Serbs from this Yugoslav bloc. Those Serbs who remained within the Yugoslav scope were, and are, continuously harrassed by a part of the Serbian clergy. For instance, the Very Rev. Stiyachich and Rev. Andre Popovich of Chicago, keep making the rounds of Serbian homes and remind these Serbs that they should absent themselves from any Yugoslav affairs, that they should not associate with the Croats and that they ought to join Duchich's "Serbian Natl. Def. Council. If they are still good orthodox Serbs they will abide by this brotherly advice. This is evidently a veiled threat of excommunication on part of these garbed spirits of dis-unity.

A prominent Amer. Yugoslav of Chicago, stated to S.K. that the Duchich, Serb. Natl. Def. Coun. managed to manipulate a Federal Charter to collect "Relief" funds in this country. This is supposed to be authentic. This Amer.Yugoslav is strongly of opinion, that Duchich's forces had apparently "reached" someone in Washington to obtain this Charter. The Charter number is allegedly somewhere around 583 or thereabouts. If this is really true, then the party responsible for this grant is really in sorry need of edification on European politics in general, and the political minorities activities in U.S., in particular. Such a Charter, granted to this dissident propaganda group would be solely used by their leaders as a token of approval on part of the State Dept. to impress all concerned, that they have Washington's blessing in toto.

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The reason that this "Serbian Front" even to some native American sympathizers is, that they cover themselves up with the glory that was Serbia's of old. Therefore, it would be rather hard to convince that any group of Serbs would associate themselves with anything called "unpatriotic". This is just the attitude that this group is banking on to facilitate their propaganda.

In Chicago last March, the consolidated Yugoslavs again got together and liquidated the separatist "Croatian Natl. Council" which was sired by John D. Butkovich. This was the strongest branch of his, with the H. Q. located at his offices in Pittsburgh. Butkovich rushed to Chicago to try and salvage the remains and found himself in a straight jacket. He left Chicago a much sadder, if not a wiser a man. Not at all surprising, the Duchich camp got even panicky besides feeling of conspirator's sympathy with their foe Butkovich. It impressed them rather uncomfortably, that the pillar of Yugoslav unity still retained a potent punch. Up to now they are only taking light jabs from the Yugoslavs after their initial victories. If they could avail themselves of a partial referee then they could stave off defeat. If they really got their Charter, then they found their referee.

To make themselves more effective, the consolidated Yugoslavs are forming themselves into a "Amer. Yugoslav League. They will leave the door open to any recalcitrant group to mend their ways and join in unity. The Yugoslavs, in trying to destroy this "Serbian Front" have adopted the radical's method of boring from within. A lot of good Amer. Serbs have joined the Duchich camp in an organized attempt to disperse these forces. Up to now this method is bearing fair results and some of the Duchich's fuhrers are rather confused. Many of the Amer. Yugoslavs express wonderment in "how strange are the ways of Democracy" in dealing with its enemies.

For about a month now, the Amer. Slav men of note, have been approached by a Mr. N.W. Fodor for information on their national pulse. Some of the Amer. Slavs wanted to know the purpose of this request on part of Mr. Fodor. He allegedly told some of the inquirers that he sends such information to the O. of C. To some of these Slavs Mr. Fodor is known as a good Dem. U.S. citizen and is respected as such. But most of these people are peeved that Mr. Fodor is a Hun. Jew and are of opinion that a man of their own kind could have been selected by interested parties if any real information is to be asked and given in return. They consider that there are able men in their ranks best suited for this task. Also they want to be on record that they are not anti-semitic in this attitude, but only practical. It is reported that Mr. Fodor is employed by the Chicago Sun.

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Detroit, Mich.

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Re: Yugoslav Affairs

Rev. Oskar Suster, of the Croat. Cath. church at 921 Melbourne, appears to be still the spiritual leader of the defunct "Croatian Homedefenders". Although this organization has ceased to function after the authorities clamped on their exponents, Rev. Suster continues to uphold Ante Pavelich, the nazi puppet in Croatia. On several occasions when some Croat organization would prepare a social affair of democratic and patriotic design, Rev. Suster proceeds to sabotage it by whispering to individual parishioners that such a gathering was un-Croatian and ungodly. If some Croat dies who was not a follower of Ante Pavelich, Rev. Suster usually excuses himself when called to perform the last rites, by stating that "this person was not a true follower of the Cath. church."

Recently, Rev. Suster was preparing a Croatian event for which he had tickets sold. Some Amer. Croats decided to use this occasion to declare themselves patriotic and condemn Ante Pavelich and his nazi overlords. Rev. Suster was advised of this move by his stooges and called the whole thing off and redeemed the tickets to the purchasers. It seems that this friar is still using his priestly office for the benefit of his boss, Ante Pavelich.

When Milan Petrak, ed. of the "Zajednicar" was here for the Congress, he was given a talking to by Adam Suletich, sec. of the local C.F.U. Lodge, and Ivan Marohnic, Atty. He was told to show more patriotic spirit in his paper besides waving an Amer. flag to cover up. It appears that Petrak thinks that he does not have to go any further in his patriotic gestures than he did previously, with an attitude that no one can prove anything against him. Petrak was and is a rabid anti-communist and considers this line sufficient armor of all around patriotism for any other purpose in mind.

Urosh Seferovich, sec. of the local Serb. Natl. Def. Counl. is steadily seen in gambling joints, playing stakes as high as \$200.00 a night. He is here on visitors passport and collects moneys for the Amer. Red Cross. Sometime ago he was accused by a Serb of holding out on the Red Cross, which organization took the matter legally but had to drop it for lack of sufficient and willing witnesses. Seferovich continues to gamble and collect for the Red Cross - through the medium of the Duchich's propaganda bureau.

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Re: Meetings of the Croatian &
Serbian Delegates.

During the 2 days of the congress, the members of the "Independent Hungary" took the opportunity to distribute booklets, addressed to the "Members of the American Slav Congress".

In affect, they appeal to the Amer. Slavs in spirit of cooperation - toward the common goal of a lasting peace, based on equality, justice and reciprocity. The reaction on part of the attending Amer. Slavs was one of resentment after reading the name of Tibor Eckardt, pres. for the "Independent Hungary". The Slavs recall that the same Tibor Eckardt, used the same tactics in recent years to formulate his fifth column technique in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia with dire results to these nations. These Amer. Slavs are indignant and surprised that Eckardt is even tolerated by the U.S. authorities. Knowing the Nazi practice, these people are of opinion that Eckardt would have never been allowed to leave Hungary without Nazi consent and a planned errand for their benefit. The Nazi practice of holding ones relatives as a guarantee of their agent's faith would alone make this clear to anyone without the notorious fifth column record of Tibor Eckardt.

In the evening of April 26th, the Serbian delegations were given a dinner by the the Detroit's local Serb societies. The same was arranged for the Croatian delegations by their respective organizations. Before it took place, a report made the rounds that it was strictly for the "Serbian" delegates. This report was traced back to the usual tactics on part of Duchich's delegates who intended to grab this opportunity for their ultra-Serb machinations, and pack the Serbian Home with their ilk. However, the true Amer. Serbs frustrated this Duchich sly attempt and let it be known that all were heartily welcome. The Croatians on the other hand openly welcomed all Amer. Yugoslavs and pathetically hoped that a Serb delegation would visit them at their Croatian Home. The main speakers at the Serbian Home were; Bishop Dionisije, K. Unkovich, Yugo. Consul from Pittsburgh, M. Markovich of the Serb organ "Free Expression and Mr. Buntich an attorney of Akron, O. Mr. S. Werlinich, pres. of the Serb Natl. Fed. also gave a short speech on need for unity among the Yugoslavs. Consul Unkovich was the most telling speaker. He said in affect: We the Yugoslav people and the government, do not care how you cross yourself or whether you belong to the right or the left. We are in line with this great America and Pres. Roosevelt and there is no place for petty squables in the colossal task of destroying our common enemy and restoring the freedom of all mankind.

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The Chinaman, the American, the Briton, the Russian, all of us are involved for one purpose which is unity of purpose and preservation dear to all free men. We have three heroes today, McArthur, Timoshenko and Mihajlovich. This brought a tremendous applause and oral satisfaction of the assembly. None of the Duchich's men even attempt to speak and it was noticed that they refrained from applauding when unity was stressed. Bishop Dionisijs denounced the pre-war standard of democracy which was anything but democratic and blamed the world's ills on the said democratic rottenness. He expressed a hope that it will be a real democracy after the war. He called upon the Yugoslavs to stand united and forget their differences of yesterdays. He called on the governments not to interfere in the spiritual affairs of the church and freedom to exercise the church's concept of life. He took it for granted that the church has more right to pilot its people morals than anyone else. Dionisijs refused to sign a declaration for the "Vidovdanski Congress" of the Serbian reds, due for July 4-5-6. He said he wanted to study the text first.

M. Markovich then proposed that Dionisijs head a small delegation to the Croatian Home. Dionisijs then asked Rev. Shuntich, A Duchich's man to head this delegation. This priest refused which was just as well. Right after that a Croatian delegation walked in, headed by S. Babich, Pres. of the United Yugo. Societies of greater Chicago. To save the inimical situation, Consul Unkovich, gathered Mr. Buntich and artist Petrovich and repaired to the Croatian Home. S.K. also went along. The Croats wildly acclaimed this Serb delegation. Buntich and Unkovich gave a remarkable brotherly speech which was a replica of their previous speeches at the Serb meeting. They were continuously applauded and acclaimed.

After the speech groups of Croats were heard saying: Lets go and visit our brother Serbs - and they went. It was rather pathetic to observe these Croats' hope of an extended hand from the Serbs. This is one result of Duchich's propaganda and the schism it caused.

The rank and file of these Amer. Yugoslavs went on record as heartedly satisfied with their first Amer. Slav Congress and intend to see that its principles will be put through in toto.

Other reports will follow.

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April 25, 1942 (&26th)
Detroit, Mich.

Re: Amer. All-Slav Congress

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The estimated number of the delegates was about 2153 at the opening of the congress. One Polish intellectual and commiteeman, after looking over the assembly jocularly remarked: "In all justice, this really ought to be a Yugoslav congress". The remark appeared true as to the number of the Yugoslavs who proportionally outnumbered the other Slavonic delegates. It developed that the Yugos took it upon themselves to decorate the Masonic Temple auditorium for the occasion. A Yugo. painter of Detroit, Cveto Popovich, had painted a large portrait of Gen. Draza Mihajlovich, holding an American and Yugo. flag with his foot on the swastika. A group of Bulgarian-Macedonians participated with the Bulgarian flag with a whole hearted accord and never raised an issue. At the 12th hour, a Ukrainian delegation announced their participation and planted their national colors on the platform. This brought a violent (behind the scenes) protest from the Polish delegations, which was efficiently smoothed over by chairman Gunther who, proved himself a master mind without equal in overcoming difficulties in short order to the satisfaction of all concerned. These Ukrainians did not stress what organization or political shade they represented. However, the other Amer-Slav delegations sensed their stiff attitude and regarded them with aloof contempt. S.K. later learned that these Ukrainians were from the Ukra. Natl. Aid Soc. It appears that the secretary of this society kept his word to S.K. that he would have the local delegates to attend the congress. As a whole it was the most orderly demonstration on record. This was again, mostly due to the characteristic American business like resourcefulness on part of Chairman Gunther, which was wholeheartedly relished by the assembly.

The only petty discord was caused by the notorious Serb. Natl. Def. Coun. delegates, who tried to object to a speaker when he mentioned the "Montenegrians" seperately of Serbs. A Serb priest, Shuntich, of McKees Port, Pa., began shouting that "the Montenegrians were Serbs too". The priest was shouted down by other delegates. Later on, another couple Duchich's agents tried to make themselves heard and were shoved down forcibly into their seats by irate true Serbs. Some Serbs cautioned these propagandists that they will get their hair parted if there is another peep out of them. The result was most gratifying.

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The stress of Americanism first predominated the entire proceedings. This was not only as a result of the Committees' initiative, but a genuine mien of the entire assembly. As an illustration when one of the speakers addressed the gathering as "Slavs", there were loud cries of protest. The speaker caught the idea and corrected himself with, "American-Slavs". This brought a thunderous applause of satisfaction. There were no more than a couple voices of nays at any time on any of the resolutions passed.

These isolated nays or objections were simply ignored and the schedule went on in clock like fashion. The assembly stood up for America, Pres. Roosevelt, Russia and Gen. Draza Mihajlovich. Americanism and patriotism permeated the whole proceedings most effectively. On one occasion only, a delegate spoke on uniting not only the American and Slav workingmen, but also the German, Japanese and Italian workers of the world. He was tactfully cut short by chairman Gunther. The outstanding theme and points were, the combating of Axis propaganda, uprooting of the saboteurs, promotion of unity among the Amer.Slavs, intensification of industrial war effort and bying of War Bonds and Stamps, and stipulation of less talk and more work.

S.K. met Milan Petrak, Ed. of the C.F.U. organ, "Zajednicar". Petrak sarcastically remarked "that the Amer. Gferment did a good job on a Slav congress. Also, that the Committee's declaration to the F.B.I. of collaboration to hunt down the "fifth columnists" smacked a lot of the Nazi Gestapo. Petrak opined, that the congress was in the throes of war hysteria and as such, he could not expect it to operate on sound basis. It was a good show while it lasted, concluded Petrak. It will be interesting to watch his writeups in the succeeding issues.

Leo Krzyski, Vice Pres. of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, was elected Natl. Pres. of the Amer-Slav Congress. Prof. J. Zemhral, first vice pres. Blair F. Gunther, chairman of the board of directors, S. Zeman, Jr. secretary, Vinko Vuk, treasurer. Representatives of each national groups present, were named vice presidents and members of the board of directors.

Other reports will follow.

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April 25, 1942
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Re: All-Slav Congress,
Private Meeting of some Delegates

In the evening of April 24th, a number of delegates met in a room at the Book-Cadillac Htl. to mutually feel each other out generally. Among them were some as follows:

Sen. Boyd-Boic, S. Werlinich, Father Zhizka, Martinek, Sen. Novak, Dr. Jatich, Vuk, W. Platek and few others.

Sen. Boyd and Platek insisted that a resolution be proposed for Russian Relief with elaboration and oration. Mr. Martinek, of the Czechoslovak Natl. Alliance, objected on any oration and only agreed to simply propose this resolution without making capital of it. Sen. Boyd then censured Mr. Gunther's choice of Sen. Wright as a speaker for our Administration. Sen. Boyd opined, that Sen. Wright used to be a rather luke-warm supporter of Roosevelt's policy and therefor a poor choice. Boyd would rather prefer a man of Sen. Barkley's type for a speaker. Mr. Gunther held that no changes could now be made at this late date.

There were some delegates representing the Serb. Natl. Def. Council and they noticably segregated themselves from the other Slav delegates. The other delegates on their part, would shy away from these Serb separatists as soon as they found out who they were. Every one seemed surprised at the small number of the Polish delegates. It appeared that those Poles who did come were mostly noted individuals and not representatives of any large Polish organizations.

Those who did come were adherents of the new Gen. Sikorski's Govt. while those who absented themselves were apparently still, Russo-phobes. The Ukrainians were conspicuously absent in registering on Frid. night. Surprisingly, the Yugoslavs were more in evidence than any other delegates.

S. Dedier and M. Markovich, of the "Serbian Free Expression" paper were observed with some other Serb and Croat red elements. They mixed freely with the rest of the incoming delegates but refrained from any red or even Russian propaganda. Some of Yovan Duchich's men were trying to get to S. Werlinich, apparently to apply pressure on him for his latest anti-Duchich attitude. However, Werlinich gave them a polite cold shoulder.

The summation reports of the Congress and its aftermath will follow.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:.

In reference to the "free Fowler move" in the report of 23d instant, it should have read "Browder" instead. The confused name resulted from the report, that the reds are deliberately mispronouncing the name when discussing Browder in restaurants and other public haunts so as to escape attention by other laymen.

The congress delegates will be arriving all day today. I am reserving rooms for several of them at above place and have established an entree in national and red circles. (But on strictly "information please" basis)

The nom de plume is S. Todd as usual, in case you wish to get in touch with me. I will remain here for a couple days after the congress to illicit the aftermath.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Harbo

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Re: Croatian Frat. Un. Affairs

It is reported, that the 2 Lodges of the C.F.U. in Detroit, are against the proposed referendum to oust J.D. Butkovich, Pres. of the C.F.U. They agree, that Butkovich has been detrimental as a whole to the organization, but maintain that the time is not ripe to force the issue and that Butkovich should be dispensed with in the regular manner at the coming election in 1943. Concerning Milan Petrak, ed. of the "Zajednicar", they do not place him in the same category with Butkovich. Petrak is coming as a delegate to the Slav congress and the Croat leaders here intend to put him on the carpet and demand that he come out more in a Yugoslav spirit in future. They consider Petrak as an ablest Croatian editor and are loath to dispose of him. They are under the impression that they will manage to show him the right way towards the Serbo-Croatian unity.

However, if Petrak fails to reciprocate, then they will proceed to displace him. Since the F.B.I. raids on the Croatian Homedefenders, these Croats have been fully impressed and are now thoroughly cowed and rendered hors de combat.

The agents have also questioned the local leaders of the Serb. Natl. Def. Council as to their activities and since then this crowd has laid low publicly but conducts its propaganda on the sly.

The Macedonian Bulgarians have not shown any open activity, but for that matter they never did as their actions were always conducted with underground perfect methods for years. The only way to find out their activities is to get to one of their numbers, which is a hard task as the culprit literally pays with his head if found out. Its an old custom of the IMRO.

A large part of the Ukrainians are still showing a sympathy to the Nazi cause by their hatred of the Russians regardless of communists, but defend their stand by a claim of being good Americans. Majority of them are from the former Austrian Galicia and equally hate the Poles. One part, from Ukraine proper, are strongly pro-Soviet and a schism exists between the two extremes,

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April 23, 1942
Detroit, Mich.

Re: All-Slav Congress

Preliminary checkup reveals that up to a week ago, the Polish national groups were in a luke warm state of mind in contributing there efforts towards a full fledged support of the congress. They resented the initiative taken by the not only Slavonic red groups, but by the entire communist organization. Whereas, in the recently held Slav congress in Moscow, the communist dogma was deliberately lacking, while here in America the communist minority asserts itself as a self appointed vanguard in things Slav. This is taken as a sly play of playing both ends towards the middle in the customary red technique. However, the American- Slavonic groups decided, that to turn out in full force and take the play away from the reds as the only alternative to this red fiasco.

Some of the alert Amer. Slavs heard that the communist party was preparing to use this opportunity at the session of the congress, to spring a resolution of "free Fowler now". One Yugo.Amer. leader immediately contacted Mr. Skrzhytski, Pres. of the Amalgamated Clothers Union in N.Y.C. and advised him of this report. Mr. Skrzhytski quietly went to work in marshalling the nationalistic forces of the congress, to squash any red attempt to use this occasion in their campaign "to free Fowler". All the national elements agree in unison, that Fowler was justly convicted on a criminal offence at the time when the reds were sabotaging all democratic principles and that now, they have no moral right even to raise this issue in spite of their present pseudo patriotism. The reds ought to be satisfied that they are even tolerated in the democratic circles and simply keep their allotted place.

(The radio report of this evening that a U.S. bomber, after bombing Japan, landed near Vladivostok and that its crew was interned by the Reds, caused furios resentment among the Slav-Americans at this unallied gesture on part of the Kremlin. The red elements also appear chagrined at this incident, feeling that that this will cause them some prestige and further arm their opponents). It is reliably reported that the Croatian branch of reds are strictly toeing the party line, while the Serbian branch is preponderantly following the Slav-American nationalistic policy of the war.

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Croatian Fraternal Union

In the later part of March, 1942, the Supreme Board of the Croat. Frat. Union, held a session and passed several resolutions of political aspect. A message addressed to "Our Serbian Brothers and Sisters and the Serb Natl. Fed." asking for brotherly cooperation and continued unity, was stressed. The message denounced all propaganda detrimental to the Yugoslav unity among the American Croatsians and Serbs.

"With sincere wishes we appeal to our brther Serbs to strive unitedly in rallying our American Croats, Serbs and Slovenes, and together with other Slavs and American people, work for victory of our country (America) and our Allies. A resolution was adopted and passed to remain in the "Yugoslav Relief Fund" and to intensify closer cooperation and collection of funds and create more interest among the rank and file of the members at large.

In one instance, Mr. Nikolac proposes a resolution that the Editorial Dept. of the "Zajdnicar" publish all resolutions in sencerity and spirit of its full text in lieu of Union's rules and by-laws. M. Petrak, editor, rejects the motion. The motion is put to vote and results in a tie vote. Petrak and Butkovich vote against this resolution.

It must again be stressed that Petrak and Butkovich are a stumbling block to all efforts on part of patriotic elements in this organization. In months past, S.K. had several conversations with Petrak, in the role of a representative of "Udruzenje Cetnika" in which Petrak agreed to use his department towards better understanding and unity among the American Crats and Serbs, which is the sincere wish of his own organization. However, Petrak has failed to live up to his promises up to date. Recently, a quiet movement has started to marshall sufficient number of lodges, to have Petrak and Butkovich ousted by referrendum vote. Butkovich's position has already been undermined by a libel suit against him, questioning his patriotism. A similar action was started against Petrak recently, for the same purpose.

Right now, an influential person is working on the communists to relenquish their support of Butkovich, whom they personally detest, but support for his contribution of funds for Russian War Rel.

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Re: Yugoslav Affairs

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Continuing the surveillance of reported past events, it is reliably verified, that the Yugoslav officer was not Capt. "Papich" seen in company of Mladen Trbuhovich as reported previously. The officer was Capt. Savich whom Trbuhovich for some reason introduced as "Papich" to some people in Youngstown, O. It is said, that Capt. Savich is an honorable officer and patriotic Yugoslav. However, it has been arranged for a high ranking Yugoslav officer to interview Capt. Savich and acquaint him with the political dogma of the ultra-Serbian brand on part of those that he had met. The matter is in safe hands and can be dropped.

A telegram was dispatched to Yugo. Minister Yeftich here in New York, with a request to recall Yovan Duchich from the territory of U. S. The telegram was transmitted to the Yugo. Govt. in London in the reaction to this request is awaited by interested parties.

Mladen Trbuhovich has returned to Pittsburgh, Pa. and has asked the Serb Natl. Fed. to reinstate him as the Editor of the "Srbobran", promising to behave himself in the future. Trbuhovich evidently came back from Washington with some story in favor to himself which apparently prompted him to try and regain his job. This gesture is seemingly the first counter thrust by the forces of Yovan Duchich against the revamped policy of the Serb Natl. Fed.

It is reliably reported, that the former leaders of the Pavelich's Croatian Homedefenders, are plying their wares through the medium of the Croatian Catholic Union, in Gary, Ind. S.K. has already established contact with a trusty confidant in their midst, who has asked S.K. to join him there in weeding out process and counter measures.

The I.W.O. groups have intensified their activities to bolster the other American-Slav groups in the interest of the coming Amer. Slav Congress. The I.W.O. are taking this initiative in spots where the nationalists are showing any slackness in preparation for this affair. The onus of this rests on the nationalists. The Poles and Ukrainians remain traditionally split on the coming issue.

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Re: Serbian Natl. Def. Council
(Captain Papich, Member of
the visting Yugoslav Military
Mission)

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During the latest part of March, Capt. Papich paid a "courtesy visit" to the offices of the Serb Natl. Fed. in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was taken in tow by Mladen Trbuhovich, the now dismissed editor of the "Srbobran". Trbuhovich took this opportunity to instill this Yugoslav officer with the ideology of his destructive propaganda. Trbuhovich then took Capt. Papich to Youngstown, O. to attend the Serb Natl. Fed., Basket Ball Tournament. There, Capt. Papich gave a nice patriotic speech, which was non political in accordance with the military regulations.

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However speaking to the priest, Rev. Drenovac, a known and pronounced man of fascist tendencies, Capt. Papich said in affect: " I am happy to be among my Serbian people in America in whom I find clear feeling and ~~the~~ identical thoughts of the "Serbian Chetniks". With this honorable and great enlightenment, I will return to Draza Mihajlovic and our Chetniks and acquaint them with the spirit of Serbianism in America, en quote".

It is evidently unfortunate that this officer fell into the hands of Trbuhovich and his "fifth columnists" and informed that "America has only the interest of Serbs at heart and not of so called Yugoslavia". It all depends what kind of an officer and man, Capt. Papich turns out to be. If he actually takes this sort of a message to the Chetniks and Gen. D. Mihajlovich, it will without doubt cause destructive repercussions on the "Balkan Front"

It would be advisable to interview Capt. Papich and learn his feelings in the matter and act accordingly. This is only one indication, to what extent this propaganda group intends to proceed.

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Re: All*Slav Congress,
Aristides Dimitratos
Greek "Leader"

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The interest in the Slav Congress is gathering momentum as the date nears for its convocation. The elected delegates held a session representing various Slovak Lodges as a preliminary rehearsal of solidarity among the Slovak groups. The Serbian and Croatian Lodges are also indulging in lively activity to dress up their delegates in Slav spirit and for the time being at least, forget their petty differences.

The most interesting event that occurred was, the request of the anti-Nazi Germans in U.S. to participate in the Slav Congress, by letter to Blair F. Gunther, congress chairman, by Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld. The letter was read at the meeting of the Slovak delegates, April 11th, at the Natl. Slovak Soc. Hall. This request will be politely refused, which is quite in order. S.K. interviewed several Slav-American leaders and solicited their opinion on this German overture. They all sympathize with this German-democratic appeal as well meant, but recall, that only recently, the majority of the German-democratic groups in the Slav countries, took up arms against same Slavs when the Nazis invaded said countries. Furthermore, it might develop that the Nazi propaganda machine might turn the slogan around into something like: "The Germans and Slavs in America, agree". The congress is only interested in promoting the Slav-America solidarity and stiffen the resistance of the Slavs to German domination.

S.K. interviewed Greek-American laymen at random and asked their opinion of the controversy between the Labor Leader, Aristides Dimitratos and the Greek Govt. in exile. They all resent and reject Dimitratos' assumption of any kind of Greek leadership as usurpation of facts. They remember him as a cabinet member of the late Premier Metaxas who invoked a fascist form of government over Greeks, sans constitutional elections. They simply regard him as a sorehead, who will never be welcome in their midst on democratic or general principles. They wish he be given his passport and begone. These Greeks are very patriotic and consider it superfluous to be called by anyone to prove themselves.

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Mr. Dulles:-

I am enclosing a copy of a report, the original being submitted to Mr. Garfinkel, head of the U.S. Dept. of Im., here. He has asked me to help him on this subject, S. Derenick, whose application for U.S. citizenship is on file. His former applications were rejected on the ground of his communist sympathies in the past.

His case is problematical, but the granting of citizenship might make a good American out of him while a rejection might create another nuisance. Anyway, his citizenship could always be revoked if he does not prove the right of grant.

I have always cooperated with Mr. Garfinkel in the past and he is quite a gentleman in all respects. I told him that I am employed by one of our Departments now & referred to Mr. Thurston F.B.I. in N.Y.C. as you told me.

I hope it's O.K.

Sincerely yours.

J. Moran

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April 14, 1942
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: Stephen Devunich

The checkup of the above subject verifies the materiel at hand in possession of the U.S. Dept. of Im. for the past several years. However, it appears that the subject is merely considered as a communist sympathizer of the past and the present. By some ultra-reds he is even referred to, "as that pink Steve".

The communists did cater to him but he was too independent for their party line and they were satisfied to let him only remain within their scope. The basic reason of Devunich's subsequent communistic leanings can be based on the fact that he was numerous recalcitrant Serbs and Croats. As the case of Devunich, he always resided among the Croatian settlements where the majority of Croatians were opposed to the rule of the Yugoslav State in principle. Not being sufficiently Americanized, he and other numerous Croatians, were easily enticed to the communist dogma, which was the least line of resistance to that particular caliber of mentality. This sort of haven gave them refuge to vent their resentment against the alleged misrule of their former homeland and gave them a feeling that "they could get even". As the time passed, some of these people realized that they were adopting themselves to the American customs, which especially became pronounced through the birth of their children in this country.

In that philosophy, these people took it for granted that their communistic leanings did not clash with the laws and life of America, as long as their venom was directed at the rulers of "the old country". By the same token, they did not realize the adroitness of the communist agents whose rule is to play on any dissident group or individual to inveigle them into their fold.

Devunich appears to have been one such victim, rather than an adherent of design. At present he is employed as a janitor at the Croatian Frat. Union. Contrary to the reports that J.D. Butkovich got him this job, it was actually Wm. Boyd-Boic, an anti-communist, who placed him. Devunich is aware that he had placed himself into limelight with his past communist sympathies and since is keeping away from such congregations. In fact, he is devoting his spare time in preaching unity among the Yugoslavs, under the auspices of the newly formed "Croatian Central Committee" whose president is, former Magistrate Lukas. Should an issue be made of his application for citizenship, it can be taken for granted that the now "patriotic" communists will grab the opportunity to make him a martyr of prejudice. He could be placed on a form of probation to prove his right to citizenship, as he is a too small fry to make an issue of.

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April 13, 1942
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: Serb Natl. Federation,
Serbian Natl. Defence Council

Following S.K.'s conversations with Mr. S. Werlinich, Pres., and Mr. B. Pekich, Gen. Sec., of the Serb Natl. Fed., as reported in reports of April 7th, 8th and 9th, the executive Board held a special meeting on April 11th. Vice Pres. Luke Kristoforovich of Gary, Ind. was unable to attend and sent Mr. Michael Duchich to observe the proceedings. This was irregular, as M. Duchich is not a member of the Board but the President of the "Serbian Natl. Def. Coun." the dissident propaganda organization. M. Duchich was only tolerated because he was always respected as a good Serb and prominent citizen of means. Mr. S. Werlinich opened the proceedings by stating, that from the start of this anti-Croat and anti-Yugoslav propaganda, he had opposed and condemned the participation of their Federation in this destructive campaign. That said campaign was inimical to the policy of U.S. and the united effort for successful prosecution of the war.

"That he firmly requests the other members of the Executive Board to here and now, pass a resolution to, from now on, desist from further propaganda inimical to all nationals interests. Further, he requests the other members of the Board, to ask the resignation of Mladen Trbuhovich, Editor of their organ "Srbobran" for a conduct unbecoming a paid employee of the Federation. In case of disagreement of this proposal for said resolution, Werlinich will forthwith resign as the President of the Serb Natl. Fed.

The entire resolution was unanimously adopted and passed. Mladen Trbuhovich asked to address the Board 4 times to make a statement but was refused, with an admonition that he had refused on previous occasions the summons of the Executive Board to explain his unbecoming conduct.

The same evening, Trbuhovich and M. Ducich proceeded to Washington, D.C. to contact Ambassador, K. Fotich. They will also visit the State Dept. and P.B.I. offices "to inquire the attitude of these respective Departments towards the "Serb Natl. Fed., the "Serb. Natl. Council and the "Serbian people". M. Trbuhovich also intends to find out if connected with any Dept. if S.K. is connected with any Dept. and what authority S.K. has to enable him to influence and advise the Serb. Natl. Fed. M. Trbuhovich evidently blames S.K. for the abrupt reversal of policy of Serb. Natl. Fed. and the loss of his position (which is correct) and intends to show, that S.K. is "an agent" of the Yugoslav

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Ministers, now in U.S. It is imperative that the F.B.I. request M. Trbuhovich and M. Duchich to submit a written statement of their personal connections with the "Serbian Natl. Def. Council" and their relations with one, Yovan Duchich, (the sponsor of this organization). Trbuhovich will apparently join both Duchichs in Gary, Ind. to continue dissiminating this propaganda.

Today, April 13th, a Mr. Markovich took Trbuhovich's job as the editor and the "Srbebran" contains no propaganda text. Mr. B. Pekich asked S.K. to assure him that he actually is representing a Department and their edict to the Federation. They want to be sure, that they can rely on the Department to offset the expected onset on part of the "Serb. Natl. Def. Coun. and other ultra-Serbs. SK informed Pekich to inquire of Mr. Thurston, F.B.I. N.Y.C., as (Mr. Dulles had advised S.K. in case of difficulties) for S.K.'s identification.

It must be stressed, that this is an ideological moment to break up this subversive propaganda and no opportunity should be lost to hammer in all points. The Serb. Natl. Fed. should be advised that the Department was informed of their commendable return to the policy of all-out cooperation in unity of purpose and effort of United Nations. That this government appreciates the sacrifices donated by the Serbs for their freedom and mankind, and that the rights of the Serbs and other Yugoslav peoples will be guarded thereof, e.t.c.

As to the Serb. Natl. Def. Council, the State of Indiana to revoke their charter and the State Department to take action against Yovan Duchich as "agent provocateur".

There is one last thing to be said. It is an old story to the rest of the Slavs. They are not even concerned about being communistic. They are traditionally, anti-Russian, full of satire about any man's democracy and entirely self-centered, and full of praise of "German efficiency" in this war.

With this in view, S.K. visited the offices of this organization and interviewed their secretary, who proved to be interesting, educated, well bread and polite - too polite. The interview can be best explained in rough quotation of the conversation that took place, as follows:

S.K., My name is Todd from N.Y. representing a Yugoslav American patriotic organization, interested in successful attendance at the All-Slav Congress.

Sec., Remains seated without offering his hand or introducing himself and merely nods his head.

S.K., We wish to cooperate with all Slav-Americans to use the medium of this Congress to give hope to Slavs under Axis yoke to stand fast and stiffen their resistance against the common foe of mankind.

Sec., Waking up to the occasion. What is the use. These conquered people would not even hear what these Slavs in America are talking about. The Nazis have a pretty good system to keep

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Re: All-Slav Congress,
Ukrainian Natl. Mutual Aid Soc.
527 2nd Ave., Pgh. Pa.

During the last several days, S.K. spoke with various people of Slavonic origin. This included different organization representatives and the man on the street, at random. Characteristically, of all nationalities under similar conditions, there is always a trend to be found to assert oneself ahead of the other and endeavor to take the lead from the other fellow. Apart from these human tendencies, all these organizations and individuals who cater to a united effort, are exceedingly eager to make the coming Congress an expression of Slav solidarity with an objective of hope and succor to those Slavs under domination of the Axis.

All groups are welcomed on equal basis, regardless of any political creed or complex. There will not be any single group or individual who will be allowed to domineer the Congress, or any other group within. The reason that the Congress was postponed last year was the persistency of the Reds to take the lead and forced the democratic elements to reorganize and eventually to change the site to Detroit. The Reds having learned their lesson, fell in line this time and are behaving themselves with their characteristic party discipline. Paradoxically enough, its the Reds who are the most diligent in urging and consolidating unity among the formerly dissident groups.

There is one large Slav group that has remained disdainfully aloof-notably the Ukrainian Natl. Mutual Aid Soc. Its an old story to the rest of the Slavs. They are not even concerned about things communistic. They are traditionally, anti-Russian, full of satire about any man's democracy and entirely self centered, and full of praise of "German efficiency" in this war.

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to keep all the news and propaganda from them.

S.K. According to bona fide reports, some of those "conquered" peoples are not only sending out news themselves, but in reality are operating with small armies behind this "German system"

Sec. Sarcastically. Then why cant all these people (the Allies) do something more to the Nazis then they did up to now. This Congress is being ### run by self selected few without regard to other people's interests and feeling.

S.K: This is the more reason for you people and us to fill the Congress with patriotic elements and offset those whom you think would steal the march on us.

Sec: Everything depends how this war will come out. No one knows who will come on top right now. We only wish that it ends soon, one way or another. (Sic) Alright...this country has the money...it has good industrial and men power and it may be able to last 10 or 15 years...but we hope it will end soon.

S.K: It does seem a bit tough to fight totalarians with democratic methods.

Sec: Nods with an amused smile. O.K., we will instruct two of our delegates of our local in Detroit to attend the Congress as observers.

S.K: Thank you kindly. We assure you of our appreciation and proper welcome of your delegates.
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It appears that no comment is necessary on the attitude of this group as to their sympathy in this war. They bear attention of close surveillance.

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Re: Interviews with Mr.
Samuel Werlinich, President
& Mr. Branko Pekich, Gen. sec.
of the Serb Natl. Federation

Today, S.K. interviewed Mr. Samuel Werlinich at his place of business, 700 Woodward Ave., McKees Rocks. Mr. Werlinich stated that an F.B.I. agent visited him yesterday about S.N.F.'s conduct towards the Croats. Mr. Werlinich violently denounced, Yovan Duchich, instigator of the pseudo "Serb. Natl. Defence Council" and ~~and~~ chief promoter of the anti-Yugoslav propaganda. Mr. Werlinich accuses Duchich of playing on the honest emotions of the Serbs to stir them into hatred of the Croats. Werlinich, specifically accuses Duchich of cultivating the confidence of several members of the Executive Board, of the S.N.F. including Branko Pekich and Mladen Trbuhovich, Ed. of their official organ, "Srbobran", with intent and design, to use them and their facilities to enable and abet his subversive activities against the unity of Yugoslav-Americans. Mr. Werlinich condemns the conduct of Mr. Pekich for not consulting him first, before he opened his and S.F.'s services to Duchich. Mr. Pekich is an honest Serb-American, but was emotionally misled by the alleged atrocity stories of Croats against Serbs, in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Werlinich has since learned, that M. Trbuhovich, visited Duchich as early as last summer, When Duchich arrived from Spain. Trbuhovich made those visits while claiming "sick Leave" and paved the ground for Duchich's infiltration of S.N.F. Since then, M. Trbuhovich has been a willing tool of Duchich and has assumed a paradoxical dictatorial position of the S.N.F.'s organ "Srbobran" being abetted by the majority of the Board, in spite of Mr. Werlinich's continued protests of the entire inimical procedure.

Werlinich ~~##~~ opposed the activities of the Members of the Board for dragging the S.N.F. into a propaganda bureau of Duchich and his cohorts, but was continuously shunted aside by the hot headed Serbs who believed Duchich. Werlinich alleges, that Duchich aspires and covets the Premiership and personal power in the Yugoslav government, which he would then convert into an ultra-Serbian form, even regardless of "Kings pleasure".

Not long ago, Amb. Fotich visited the S.N.F. and in the presence of Werlinich, cautioned Pekich and Trbuhovich, "to be more moderate and conserved in their attacks on the Croats". Mr. Fotich also visited Duchich and others, but apparently without good affect.

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At the previously mentioned conference between the executives of S.N.F. and S.N.D.C. on March 26 and 27, a resolution was adopted to liquidate the Serbian Central Com. of Yugoslav Relief and create a Serbian Relief. This resolution has not been passed yet by the Board and Mr. Werlinich says that he will snag it. The Duchich men then requested that the Yugoslav Relief funds already accumulated, be transferred to the "Serbian Relief". At that, even Pekich balked and vetoed the move. The resolution then was adopted, for a merger on the future collection of the funds.

For all welfare funds collected by the S.N.D.C. they will turn over a voucher for the sum to the S.N.F. who, in turn will donate this as relief to the Red Cross and "Serbian Chetniks". The membership dues collected by the SNF for S.N.D.C. will be the only money turned over to them. For this, an amended permit will be requested of the State Dept. Mr. Werlinich will veto this resolution when it comes up for passing.

After discussing the general aspects of the existing circumstances, Mr. Werlinich asked that he be fortified in the form of a letter by the interested Department of U.S. to enable him bring his organization back into line. This letter to read to the affect "that the Department requests this organization to cease its present policy of attacks on the integrity of the recognized Yugoslav State, which is disrupting the united war effort of all concerned, e.t.c." The letter to be addressed on Samuel Werlinich, Pres. of the Serb National Federation, 3414 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. The letter to be forwarded as soon as possible before anymore harm is done by dupes of Duchich.

Mr. Werlinich further recommends, that Duchich be declared "persona non Gratta" and deported from the country. Werlinich regrets, that the Department did not approach him earlier and thereby aid him in calling his associates to order in time. He advised S.K. to interview Mr. Pekich and Mr. Wurdelja again and forcibly impress them, to reverse their attitude and cease their support of Duchich and his "Serb. Natl. Def. Coun.

S.K. then interviewed Pekich and Wurdelja at the offices and bluntly informed them, that their action is placing the existence of their organization into jeopardy. That by being misled, they have built up Duchich and his "pseudo Serbian Front" and thereby have become a de facto political body, whereas, they are chartered as an Benevolent and Fraternal organization. That they can still revert with dignity, to their commendable position of the past and divorce themselves from detrimental politics of those whose activities are aiding Axis propaganda.

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Mr. Pekich and Wurdelja then stated that in that case they will not be the ones to stay in the way of united war effort, even if they have to sacrifice all their convictions and grief over the atrocities committed by the Croats on their brother Serbs in Yugoslavia. On April 11, 1942, the Executive Board has a scheduled meeting. Mr. Pekich will summon all members of the board, specifically Luke Kristoforovich, Vice Pres. from Gary, Ind. who is primarily responsible for involving this organization with activities of Duchich and helping Duchich to create the "Serb. Natl. Def. Coun. Mr. Pekich will then officially inform the assembly, that the authorities have asked the organization, to desist from further detrimental to unity activities, and revert to their commendable patriotic stand of the past, and rejoin the united effort of all concerned in prosecution of the war.

Mr. Pekich then walked out with S.K. to impart something privately to him. He stated that he wants to inform S.K. confidentially that he was personally opposed to this anti Yugoslav propaganda. But privately, he will never make his peace with the Croats unless he is convinced that they were not to blame for most of these atrocities. Pekich, further informs in confidence, that their editor, M. Trbuhovich, has entirely sold himself to Yovan Duchich and has assumed dictatorial attitude over their organ, "Srbobran" and has practically turned it over to the service of Duchich. Mr. Pekich is in accord to get rid of Trbuhovich but is afraid of stirring trouble, as Trbuhovich is a protege of some Serbian priests, including Bishop Dionisije. However, Trbuhovich has already been called twice for the induction into the U.S. Army and both times he managed to extricate himself from induction by pulling strings and pleading, that he is the only available Serbian editor for the best Serbian publication and therefor "indispensable". Up to now he managed to get away with it.

Mr. Pekich confidentially requests, that the proper authorities take action and have Trbuhovich inducted into the service according to the law, as the organization can easily fill his place. Mr. Pekich will submit a written statement to the Department, explaining his point of view and that of his organization.

Further reports will follow. Please advise if there are any further suggestions pertaining to this matter S.K. could put forth.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: Serb Natl. Federation

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Today, S.K. interviewed Branko Pekich, Gen. Sec. of the Serb Natl. Fed. Mr. Pekich informed S.K. that two F.B.I. agents visited him yesterday and asked him the reason for the Federation's anti-Croatian propaganda. (Mr. Kosto Unkovich, local Yugoslav Consul requested the local F.B.I. Office to pay the Federation's secretary a visit and caution them on their destructive ##### propaganda. Mr. Unkovich asks that this request remain confidential. For years, Mr. Unkovich has been combatting all anti-Yugoslav propaganda and has closely cooperated with ## U.S. authorities)

Mr. Pekich went on to say, that he and his organization, did not attack the Croat-Americans, but directed their verbal attacks against those Croats in Croatia who had murdered 300,000 Serbs. He cannot understand why he and the Serbs in this country should be prevented to inform the public of said Croatian atrocities perpetrated on Serbs and substantiated by Dean of Cantenburry and reporters of the American Press e.t.c. Furthermore, Pekich claims that the Serbs have the right to choose their own form of post war State and government, in as much the majority of the Croats had already elected to proclaim their own with the Axis whom the Serbs are fighting with the aid of the Allies. Further, that the Croatian members of the Yugoslav Cabinet in London, had written to the British government behind the back of the Yugoslav Premier and other Serb ministers, asking the British government for enlargement of the Croatian frontiers, at the expense of the Serbs in future Yugoslavia.

Mr. Pekich continues, that the Serbs are perturbed at the influence that Mr. Louis Adamic is exercising in our own State Dept. in view of Mr. Adamic's past anti-Serbian attitude. It appears that Mr. Pekich honestly believes that all those alleged Croatian atrocities are true and therefor the Serbs should retaliate in kind and totally divorce themselves from the Croats. Pekich is unable to conceive, that Yovan Duchich and other instigators have deliberately played on his honesty and emotions to use him and his Natl. Federation, to promote their plan of action against the realm of Yugoslavia. Pekich maintains, that the so called Yugoslav Croats and Yugoslav Serbs, are scheming for a post war Yugoslav republic and abdication of King Peter, II. Mr. Pekich does not believe in this form of possible plebiscite. It was pointed out to Pekich that the Axis are taking advantage of this disunity to their interest and embarrassing the Allied war effort. S.K. asked Pekich to write and submit a text of their policy. He replied that they had expressed themselves sufficiently in the "Srbobran". S.K. told him that it was only for certain public consumption and a personal explanation is in order due to the dissention caused by the "Srbobran". Mr. Pekich said he will consult his associates on the subject.

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To: Hugh R. Wilson

From: Allen W. Dulles

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DeWitt Poole may be interested in the following summary of a recent conversation with his Serb friend K.

K brought with him a copy of the "American Srbo-bran's Youth Section", dated Friday, March 27, 1942, and called particular attention to the article in the upper right-hand corner of the second page under the insignia and name of "Serbian National Defense Council of America". K said that this article is typical of propaganda material published by this Council and that it and similar articles have as their object, promoting the interests of a Greater Serbia at the expense of any Yugoslav federation. He says that every opportunity is taken to base such pro-Serbia propaganda on contemporary events, for example, comparing the heroism and devotion of General McArthur to the heroism and devotion of some pro-Serb General known to be working for the Serbs and not for Yugoslavia. According to K, a recent reference in one of Roosevelt's speeches was perverted by pro-Serb propagandists for the purpose of demonstrating pro-Serb rather than pro-Yugoslav sympathies on the part of the administration.

K is of the opinion that steps should be taken to deny the Serbian National Defense Council of America the right to solicit and receive contributions in the United States, that the publication of its propaganda material should be stopped, and that "The American Srbo-bran's Youth Section", published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, should be sharply warned not to lend its columns to such propaganda material. K says that the publication of a pro-Croat newspaper was stopped and he feels that the pro-Serb propaganda is infinitely more dangerous. A copy of the issue containing the article referred to is attached.

Another item of information which K gave us was to the effect that the former Yugoslav Ambassador to Madrid, Yavon Luchich, now residing with his brother, Michael, a wealthy dairy farmer in Gary, Indiana, is active in pro-Serb propaganda, though he came here on a visitor's visa last June, allegedly on sick-leave and continues to receive full pay as Ambassador.

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None of the foregoing may be new to DeWitt Poole and I pass it on only because K was anxious to have it brought to the attention of the Washington authorities. The punitive measures which friend K suggests seem to me somewhat drastic, at least until we have gone into the situation more fully than is yet the case.

I enclose a duplicate copy of the memorandum for your files. Please pass on the original, together with the paper, to DeWitt Poole.

On April 27, 1942, Rev. Andre Popovich of Chicago, Ill. and Luke Krstoforovich, of Gary, Ind. came to Pittsburgh, Pa. on a conference with the Executive Board of the Serb Natl. Federation. These two individuals are the most active leaders and propagandists of the newly created "Serbian Natl. Def. Council". Incidentally, Krstoforovich is the Vice Pres. of the Serb. Natl. Fed. The conference was called by the Serb. N.C.C. executives for the purpose of meeting and then request the State Dept. for an assumed permit, to enable this combine to collect funds from the people. The funds would literally be used for intensified propaganda among the Serbs on one hand and for moral support among the American public, on the other. However, the request for the permit would be "for the Serbian relief fund" or some other patriotic phrase, backed by the Embassy.

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At the conference, Rev. Maletich and Krajinovich got to Bishop Dionisije and influenced him to vote against this merger, thereby condemning this proposal entirely. Pres. Werlich obtained from voting in displeasure of the other members and extremes in carrying on this propaganda. However, the extremists marshaled a majority and adopted the resolution to merge into some sort of a Serbian Relief Fund, association of Croats, Slovenes or any other Yugoslav Serbian group.

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Re:Serbian"Natl. Defence Council"

The latest checkup on the activities of the above organization discloses following information:

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Bishop Dionisije it is said, is definitely backing out of this Serbian separatist propaganda which he considers is becoming violently destructive to the whole war effort.

Up to now, the Serbian Natl. Def. Coun. was illegally collecting funds "to help Serbian Chetniks" among the the Serbs throughout the country, who actually think that the money is being sent to the fighting Chetniks in Yugoslavia, whereas, these collections are being used solely for separatist purposes.

It is important that no permit or charter should be issued to this group under any camouflage they may use.

Other reports on this subject will follow.

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Re: Croatian Affairs

There is being organized a "Croatian Central Committee" in Pittsburgh and Alleghany County, for purpose of promoting Yugoslav unity on American principles regardless of racial background. The Committee will sponsor patriotic rallies and meetings for noted American and Yugoslav speakers.

The "Croatian Central Comitee" will represent various Croatian organizations such as: Croat fraternal, Singing Societies, Dramatic Societies, Clubs and some Parishes. The president is Magistrate Lukasz and Marko Vinski is the secretary and the motive power behind the whole Comitee. This endeavor on part of the Croatians will have a very constructive affect towards unity among these elements under the existing circumstances.

The "Croatian Natl Council" whose president is J.D. Butkovich, and against which the Serbs created a tirade in the past, is now a dead issue.

Butkovich went to Colorado for the holidays and there are rumors that he might resign as the president of the Croat. Fraternal Union. However, the Croatian I.W.O. wants him to stay, because he is their link and medium for any of their manipulations in the Fraternal. Butkovich always had their support for this reason.

Ante Doshen has been in New York since last Thursday and is due back in Pittsburgh April 8th. Senators Davis and McGuffey and Mayor Scully of Pittsburgh, have revoked their endorsements of Doshen.

The Croatian Frat. Union requested the Yugoslav Embassy to inform them how to send 3000 packages to the Yugoslav prisoners of war. They were even refused an answer by Fotich. The idea apparently is on part of Fotich, that the Serbs have nothing in common with the Croats even where the prisoners of war are concerned. Incidentally, Germany and Italy are therefor advised that the Cratians are on their own....

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Re: Rev. Hugolin Feis,
Croatian Cath. Friar

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The above subject is the parish priest at the Croatian Rom. Cath. Church of St. Joseph, in St Louis, Mo. For years past, he has been an active agent of Dr. Ante Pavelich, the present puppet ruler of Croatia.

This friar is a pronounced fascist and violently anti democratic in principle. After the downfall of Yugoslavia and the proclamation of "Independent State of Croatia", friar Feis wrote a stage play, entitled:

In Spirit of Freedom, Patriotic Play in 3 Acts,
"10. 1V. 1941. Independent State of Croatia,
Written by: Rev. Hugolin Feis, Franjevac (Franjevac is an Order of Friars)

In this play Feis writes in part:
My indictment is against some of those Croats, who, without conscience fooled the A Croatian people, who shamefully enacted the Judas role of treason against their people, who by all means and subtleties, endeavored to neutralize all patriotic, homedefenders movement, for freedom and independence of a Croatian State. Pilates, Judas Iscariots..... Why did they congratulate Russia, as the "Mother of Slavs", when our descent is strictly "Croatian" and our crib "Aryan"! The Croatsians were imbeciles when they ran after "Slavism" and "Yugoslavism" En quote.

This friar can be compared with those German friars and missionaries in New Guiana, who operated as a "Fifth Column" and recently led Jap units through the jungles of that Allied territory.

It would be advisable to take this friar into custody as an enemy alien and active propagandist of Ante Pavelic.

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Re: Ante Doshen

The above subject is being held by the U.S. Imm. authorities in Pittsburgh, Pa., that is, he is out on bail pending trial due this month. For the last 7 months, the subject was able to have his case adjourned time and again. He managed to elicit letters of reference from U.S. Sen. Davis of Penna., U.S. Sen. Guffey, Penna., Myor Scully, of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Judge Elenbager of Pittsburgh.

Doshen has been and still is, one of the best agents of Ante Pavelic in this country as U.S. law agencies are aware of. Regardless of our constitutional rights, this man should not receive the benefits of said rights as they have been flagrantly violated for years, as his record shows. When this man is convicted on illegal entry and on a charge of perjury, he still would not receive just punishment.

It happens that U.S. is now an ally of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in military sense. Dispensing with the proverbial red tape and usual technicalities, there is nothing to prevent the Yugoslav Military High Command to summon one Capt. Ante Doshen, in Reserve, to report for military service.* In case of his refusal, he could be turned over to said Yugoslav Military as a deserter.

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